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Redwood turns up pressure

Rifkind warns of long war over beef ban

MALCOLM RIFKIND Warned Europe last night that Britain's campaign of non-cooperation may continue until the autumn unless there is agreement to lift the beef ban.

The Foreign Secretary hard-ened Britain's position over the crisis after John Major held the first meeting of his socalled "war cabinet" to decide tactics in the offensive against the rest of the EU.

Mr Rifkind said that Britain's refusal to co-operate in decisions requiring unanimous support was already biting. He signalled a lengthy campaign against the EU unless Britain's European partners lifted the ban on beef products such as gelatin, talow and semen and agreed to a framework for the eventual

lifting of the ban on beef. We do not know if this will run for days, weeks, perhaps even two to three months. perhaps even longer. The policy will continue until the objective has been achieved." Officials said that it had to be made clear to EU members that "this is not a tantrum. It will be a well thought out and concerted campaign to achieve the result we consider to be

Although Mr Rifkind said that Britain would not back down over the issue, he conceded that, if ministers from other countries believed there should be an exception for a very serious issue, the exception would require the agree-ment of British ministers collectively. He added: "We do not anticipate exemptions." Last night, the Foreign Sec-

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Fun in the sun

Tens of thousands of Britons

are flying out this weekend

including a family who have

bought a fortnight's fly-drive holiday in Florida for £9 a

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retary was heading for confrontation with Tory rightwingers who are pressing the Government to go much fur-ther in its showdown with the EU. Two former Cabinet ministers led the right-wing

charge.
John Redwood, said in one of his most outspoken attacks on Europe so far that the Prime Minister had shown a welcome determination to stand up for British interests, but it was not a lasting solution to British helplessness in the face of the mighty European Court.

Mr Redwood, writing in today's Times, said: "We must use the new notoriety we have gained by our threat of non-cooperation to articulate a better vision of Europe, to offer our partners a choice, to say there is a different way from that recommended by Chancellor

The right-wing calls for war to be waged on several different fronts were led by Lord Tebbit, the former Tory Party chairman, who said: Prime Minister has upped the stakes very considerably. They are absolutes for him. If he is not successful, it is goodnight. If he wins game set and match, it will be a huge upside

for the Prime Minister." Tony Blair criticised the Conservatives' language over the crisis, a crisis that is expected to cost the country £2.4 billion by 1999, according to a parliamentary written answer, although the EU is likely to meet a quarter of that sum. The Leader of the Opposition told Italian leaders that

Tory talk of "war on Europe"

was irresponsible, foolish and deeply unhelpful. But at the same time he gave qualified support to Mr Major's policy on the ground that the national interest was at stake.

Ministers' irritation was exacerbated when the European Court of Justice ruled that the Government had wrongly prevented a British animal export company from exporting sheep to Spanish slaughter

Mr Major called Mr Rifkind and Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, to Downing Street for a 40minute meeting to draw up the battle lines for the non-cooperation campaign.

A taste of the obstruction to come was delivered to a ministerial council in Brussels that was to have approved measures on civil protection in manmade and natural disasters Britain refused to endorse the three items that were due for unanimous approval. The impact of the British stance was described yesterday by Franco Barberi, an Italian secretary of state, as paralysis. "I am very disappointed," he said.

While the EU tried to assess the damage from an obstruction campaign that is proving tougher than expected. Commission officials said there was little prospect that the other EU states would agree to Mr Major's demand for a deadline for lifting the overall

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'I saw his knife and I pleaded with him not to hurt Steve'



Miss Cable being comforted by her father Jim during the interview at a London hotel yesterday

Road rage woman tells of fiancé's stabbing

A YOUNG woman who saw her fiancé stabbed to death during a "road rage" attack described yesterday how she pleaded with the killer not to hurt him.

Danielle Cable, 17, a waitress, said other motorists ignored her requests and she was helpless as her boyfriend, Stephen Cameron, 2i, died in her arms.

Giving her first interview since he was murdered on a motorway intersection in Kent on Sunday Miss Cable described the killer as "a monster". She said she wished she too had been killed "so we could still be together". Detectives have been unable to trace the murderer or his vehicle, an Lregistration Land Rover Discovery.

Miss Cable said she could not understand what provoked the attack. She was on the roundabout when the Land Rover came from nowhere. "I had to brake quite sharply. Steve was just shaking his head as if to say you idio,", but he was joking more than anything." Both vehicles stopped at traffic lights and the other driver got out.

Steve got out to see what he wanted and he hit Steve. I got out and begged him not to hurt him. I was begging the other drivers to

help. Everyone just ignored me." Cameron tried to kick the knife out of the man's hands. "I saw his knife and I was pleading with him not to hurt Steve. I couldn't go near him because I thought he'd hurt me. Steve was trying to kick the knife back"." Her fiance was then stabbed and collapsed but was able to speak to her briefly.

"Steve came round and said 'He has stabbed me Dan, get the number plate. I held him and he just looked at me. There was blood going everywhere. He was just looking at me and said 'Please help me', and there was nothing I could do."

Miss Cable spoke in a quiet, hesitant voice. She was close to breaking down on

several occasions during the interview. "I was trying to get him to stay with me but it was just too late." During the attack she screamed for help from passing motorists. "They just sat in their cars and didn't do anything." Miss Cable, who also appeared

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Britain gives Europe a taste of stonewalling

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

BRITAIN put the brakes on the EU machine yesterday, blocking its first action at ministerial level while the continental media succumbed to a tide of indignation over London's beef campaign and the bellicose chorus from the British popular press. A taste of the obstruction to

come was delivered to a minis-

terial council that was to approve measures on civil protection in man-made and natural disasters. David Bostock, Britain's deputy EU ambassador, gave the gathering an announcement that is to become ritual as long as Britain's beef is subject to an open-ended export ban. "The British Government is obliged to approach today's agenda in the wider context of the crisis on BSE," he was quoted as

saying.
That meant Britain would refuse to endorse all three unanimous approval. Britain's envoys and ministers will thus be injecting beef into every decision-making forum, from foreign policy to trans-

Although Britain had long been reluctant to approve EU co-operation on civil protection, it had been expected to go along with the measures. The impact was described by Franco Barberi, an Italian secretary of state and chairman yesterday, as "paralysis". "I am very disappointed," he

Meanwhile, Stephen Wall, the ambassador, told his colleagues on Coreper, the acronym for the powerful ambassadorial council that runs EU business, that Britain would not sign an accord on company insolvency and would withhold support from preparations for the Europol convention. The final go-Continued on page 2, col 1

Blitz repairs

The Royal Academy of Dra-matic Art was awarded £22,750,000 from the Arts Council's lottery funds, which will go towards renovating and extending the college's dilapidated premises in Bloomsbury, central London.

In the past, any money raised has been spent on tuition, although the building has never recovered from being bombed in 1942. The

England control Oval match

An inspired spell of seam bowling by Chris Lewis, the Surrey all-rounder surprisingly recalled for the one-day cricket series against India, left England firmly in control of the first international at the Oval. Lewis took four wickets before bad light halted play early with India reeling on 96 for five. They need another

RADA's grant for Taylor rallies peers to block Howard's plan

By Frances Gibb, legal correspondent

LORD TAYLOR, the Lord Chief Justice, supported by an array of former Tory ministers and other peers, gave a clear signal to the Government yesterday that they would seek to block flagship plans for tougher prison sentences in the run-

up to the general election.

The proposals, expected in a Criminal Justice Bill this autumn, were repeatedly condemned by peers, including Lord Carr of Hadley, a former Home Secretary, as unworkable and amounting to a "denial of justice".

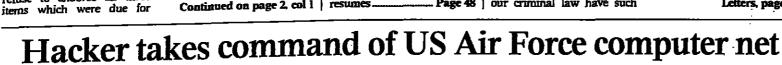
Lord Taylor, who is retiring because of ill-health, chose to use his final speech as Lord Chief Justice to issue a warning that the Government's proposals — which he said were based on "shallow and untested figures" - would have "grave consequences". He added: "I venture to suggest that never in the history of our criminal law have such

far-reaching proposals been put forward on the strength of such flimsy and dubious evidence."

The proposals by Michael Howard, the Home Secretary. for minimum sentences for repeat burglars and drug dealers, and automatic life sentences for repeat violent and sexual offenders, are expected to be contained in a Bill this autumn. Determined opposition in the Lords, however, could effectively prevent the Bill passing through Par-liament before the election.

Lord Taylor's successor as Lord Chief Justice will be announced today - he is Sir Thomas Bingham, the present Master of the Rolls. His post will be taken by Lord Woolf, the law lord, who sat at Lord Taylor's side during his ad-

Judges' challenge, page 11



FROM IAN BRODLE IN WASHINGTON

A TEENAGE hacker in London, using

the on-line codename Datastream Cowboy, took control of the computer network at a top US Air Force research laboratory, government investigators in Washington said yesterday.

Working with an accomplice known as Kuji, who was possibly a foreign

agent, the 16-year-old's attack from

Cyberspace put all the laboratory's 33 sub-networks off-line for several days

while files were rummaged. Repairing the break-in and adding security patches" cost half a million dollars. The penetration was at Rome Laboratory in New York state, the premier Air Force command and control research centre which works on weapons

systems, artificial intelligence and radar guidance. During their attacks. the hackers stole information on the methods used by Air Force commanders to relay secret intelligence and targeting information during wartime. Datastream Cowboy's hacking was

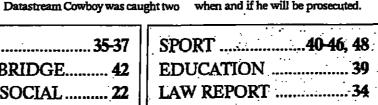
described as an example of a growing and serious threat to US national security in reports and testimony to a Senate committee by the US General Accounting Office. The report said that hackers attacked Pentagon computer systems as many as 250,000 times last year, gaining entry in two out of every three attempts. Although the study showed up the Pentagon's vulnerabili-ty, it focused on unclassified systems. which represent more than 90 per cent

on the third floor of his family's house. Realising they had come to arrest him, he curled up on the floor and cried. Since then, legal proceedings have

been pending against him for fraudu-lent use of the British telephone service. No charges have been brought against him for breaking into US military computers and American officials have been left wondering when and if he will be prosecuted.

years ago by Scotland Yard on infor-mation supplied by the US Air Force.

Detectives found him at his keyboard





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of defence traffic.

Labour divided on how to join battle

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

SENIOR Labour figures were at odds last night over how to react to the campaign of noncooperation in Europe. As Tony Blair voiced muted support for the Government's position, senior colleagues made clear their fears that Britain's action smacked of party-politicking.

The Labour leader said that he would back the Government's efforts to have the beef ban lifted but made clear that his party would look at the issue on a case-by-case basis: "The Government has embarked upon a strategy in which the national interest is now engaged. I will not undermine it, provided it is measured and lawful, and backed by a massive exercise in

negotiation and diplomacy."
While Mr Blair was visiting Rome, senior colleagues at home were emphasising that the Conservatives were engaged in a domestic political sceptics. Baroness Blackstone, Labour's foreign affairs spokesman in the Lords, accused the Government of "indulging in the folly of going to war with Europe in order to placate the European sceptics in the Conservative Party".

She asked Baroness Chalker, the foreign affairs minister: "Would you tell the House whether we are going to war with the US, Australia and Canada, at least one of which banned British beef before the

Donald Dewar, Labour's chief whip, said his party would support the Government provided it was not simply playing "ill-defined macho politics". Gavin Strang, the shadow Agriculture Minister, said: There is a lot of suspicion - and this extends beyond the ranks of the Labour party — with regard to this Government's



Dougles Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, after his 40-minute meeting with John Major to decide what stance to take on non-cooperation

Abattoirs win right to dispute the slaughter of older cattle

AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

A GROUP of abattoir owners and farmers won permission in the High Court yesterday to mount a legal challenge to the centrepiece of the Government's strategy for restoring consumer confidence in beef.

The Quality Meat and Livestock Alliance, which has some 50 members, contends that the Government acted unlawfully in banning the sale

more than 30 months old at slaughter. Lawyers for the group say the Government has failed to show there is any risk to health from eating these older cattle, the only ground for banning them under the Food Safety Act.

Mr Justice Carnwath said: "It seems to me that there is certainly an arguable point, although I express no view as to whether it will succeed." The full application for judi-cial review of the ban is likely to be heard in July. The challenge, if successful, would throw the Government's policy for dealing with the crisis in the beef industry into even greater disarray. It has also opened rifts within the farm-

Richard Macdonald, director-general designate of the National Farmers' Union, said: 'This challenge is not helpful and we do not support it. Culling animals older than 30 months is politically and were never happy with the cut-commercially important as a off at 30 months, which is far

Blocking unlikely on EMU

it should not be hindered." been a bad miscalculation." But Ewen Cameron, presi-The alliance estimates that dent of the Country Landown-800,000 old dairy cows and

ers' Association and a leading dairy farmer, said the legal move could be useful if it increased pressure on the Government to exempt slowmaturing beef cattle from the cull. "We believe it is extremely important that this very wholesome beef should be excluded from the ban. We

burnt ng plants. Richard North, an adviser to the group, said: "Farmers are having to destroy perfectly sound meat and perfectly good animals. Very shortly we could be facing a serious beef shortage in Britain."

500,000 prime beef cattle will

be withdrawn from the mar-

ket and destroyed this year

under the cull scheme, at a

cost to the taxpayer of more than £700 million. About

50,000 cattle have been de-

stroyed so far and are being

The ban on cattle older than 30 months was announced at the end of March after the disclosure by Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, that some people might have contracted the Creutzfeldt-Jakob brain condition - the human equivalent of "mad cow" disease - from eating beef infect-

ed with BSE. Cattle over 30 months old are regarded as being more likely to be incubating BSE. Supermarkets have based their strategy for restoring beef sales on a guarantee to consumers that all the beef on their shelves comes from animals under this age.

Boy, 11, found guilty of manslaughter

An li-year-old boy was found guilty yesterday of killing a pensioner when he dropped a 19lb slab of concrete from the top of a 12-storey tower block on to her head. It took a jury at Leeds Crown Court only 65 minutes to decide the boy, who was ten at the time, knew that what he was doing was wrong and that he was therefore guilty of the manslaughter of

Edna Condie, 74, in Leeds last August. The court was told that the boy, who had denied Mrs Condie's manslaughter, roared with laughter when a companion told him he had struck the woman. She died instantly. He later told police he had pushed the slab off "for fun" because he enjoyed being naughty. Mr Justice Potter adjourned sentence for three weeks for reports. The boy was remanded to local authority care.

Stationery deal rescued

A government deal to sell school stationery to Uzbekistan which looked likely to cost the British taxpayer £3 million when it appeared to have fallen through, has been rescued by Stationery Office officials. After weeks of negotiations by a government team in Tashkent, the former Soviet republic agreed to pay the first instalment of £900,000 with the rest to follow during the year. Last month the National Audit Office chastised HMSO Scotland for shipping out the goods without proper safeguards to ensure payment.

Shot man had meeting

An Essex car dealer was shot twice in a classic gangland killing as he kept a rendezvous, police said yesterday. The killer then dumped John Marshall's body in his car on a south London street. Mr Marshall, 34, of Billericay, still had £5,000 in cash but a sports bag is missing. Yesterday police sources confirmed that Mr Marshall, 34, from Billericay, moved in the same circles as three Essex drug traffickers killed last December. Two men have been charged.

Majorca meningitis alert

Tourists began leaving a holiday complex in Alcudia, Majorca, after a British boy aged 13, from Sussex, and a German girl aged 11 died from meningitis after being taken ill while on holiday. Emergency supplies of vaccine are being taken out and a telephone helpline has been set up by Airtours, the main operator at the complex, for up to 500 holidaymakers who are due to arrive in the next two weeks.

Our shame, by Carey

The Archbishop of Canterbury. Dr George Carey, right, said yesterday that religions must admit responsibilities for divided communities. Speaking in Chicago, Dr Carey pleaded for tolerance, and said: "Terrible things continue to be done in the name of religion which shames religion and makes it a disgrace." He called on leaders of all faiths to condemn atrocities by



Farm in quarantine

A farm and its surrounding area in East Sussex have been quarantined after an outbreak of a serious poultry disease; the first in more than ten years, the Ministry of Agriculture said yesterday. The viral infection, known as Newcastle Disease, is highly contagious and affects pigeons and other birds as well as poultry. All the 1,700 birds on the affected farm, which is near Heathfield, will be slaughtered.

Tony Banks MP

A report in our first edition (May 8) about MPs defying the new earnings rule and register of MPs' interests stated that Tony Banks had failed to declare his interests. In fact, Mr. Banks is an advocate of openness in these matters and had fully declared his interests, as all later editions made clear. We apologise for any embarrassment caused by the mistake.

Britain stonewalls

Continued from page 1 ahead for the EU police agency was to be one of the main items at the EU summit in Florence on June 21. Britain will attend ministerial meetings in Brussels next week on ment, but again will refrain

from endorsing any decisions. The scale of Britain's action seemed to have sunk in across Europe yesterday, generating a backlash of public anger. While politicians railed at what they depicted as counterproductive folly, commentators voiced shock at the virulence of the anti-continental sentiments coming from the tabloid press and some British politicians.

The German press was especially stung by what it reported as an anti-German campaign in Britain, complete with every caricature from

Frankfurter Rundschau said that Mr Major was panicking. Frankfurter Algemeine Zeitung said the Prime Minister's ultimatum was really "a cry for help. aimed at Europe". In Brussels, La Libre Belgique said the tabloids seemed to be "sowing the same seeds of madness which led Germany to Nazism".

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DIGITAL LINE RENTAL

FROM CHARLES BREMNER meet. Britain's representa-IN BRUSSELS BRITISH officials yesterday

dismissed suggestions that the Government would use its obstruct the project for monetary union but they believe it could hold up business on some of the preparatory work. Technical preparations for EMU are gathering pace in Brussels and Frankfurt but no government decisions are imminent. The monetary committee, the team of senior finance officials in charge of the project, is continuing to

tive would be expected to note Britain's reservations on any decisions going forward for ministerial assent.

If there is no solution to the ef crisis, Britain will next month probably withhold its endorsement of an interim report on the creation of a new exchange-rate mechanism to accompany the euro's launch, due in January 1999. Britain has, however, already dissented from the scheme favoured by all the other states.

If John Major turns the Florence summit, as he threatens, into a debate on beef, he will presumably refuse to sign a planned joint statement on preparations for EMU.

In the longer term, despite its opt-out from the project. Britain will be required to for denominating bonds during the transition period and the design of the coinage that is due to be phased into circulation in six years' time.

Although British blocking could hold up a decision on that, the matter could wait for a year or two. A British official said the beef crisis should be over long before such decisions became urgent.

Girl says drivers sped past killer

broadcast.

black jogging top and cream coloured trousers, described her feelings for Cameron, an electrician. The couple were engaged at Christmas and planned to marry within a

This man has destroyed my life because Steve was my life. He was everything to me. We couldn't wait to get married. We were going to get a house together soon and we were buying things for it."

Jim and Mandy, said: "Steve woke up that morning and he told me he loved me." She began crying as she appealed for anyone with information. however trivial, to come forward.

The family of Cameron also released a photograph of him. with Miss Cable, taken the day before he died. Cameron's father, Ken, who took the photograph in the front room of the family home in Swanley, said: "The two of them were just larking about in the living room enjoying one another's company. It was a spur of the moment thing but now I realise it's the last

with a protective arm around her, praised his daughter's courage. "I think she has been monster. They have just got to catch him as soon as possible

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Continued from page I on the BBC's Crimewatch programme last night, was asked to describe the killer. "He is a monster." She hoped the killer watched last night's

"I just hope he is watching this now and looking at my face, remembering that I was pleading with him not to kill the person I loved more than anything. He just looked at me like I was dirt." She said the man, who drove off towards the Dartford Tunnel, said

nothing during the incident.
Miss Cable, who wore a

Miss Cable, from St Mary accompanied by her parents someone like Steve?"

picture of Stephen." Miss Cable's father, who sat

very brave. We can't stop grieving until they catch this before he does it again."

Asked what motive the killer could have had, Mr Cable said: "For what? Why did he do it? How could you kill

Asthma appeal fails

daughter's clothes, bedding and soft toys all need daily washing, failed yesterday in a High Court attempt to have her domestic water rates cut.

Tracey Davies, from Kirkby, Merseyside, was refused leave to mount a judicial review against North West Water but Mr. Justice Water but Mr Justice Carnwath said companies might be obliged "as a general principle" to consider the special needs of customers when

A WOMAN whose asthmatic allowing rebates. Mrs Davies's two-year-old daughter, Bethany, suffers from severe asthma and the family had found it difficult to pay its metered water bill, which was well above average.

He said North West Water had done all that was required by law in assessing the case. Mrs Davies already receives housing benefit, income support and a disability living allowance to help provide for

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Lib-Lab 'affair' costs Labour control of council

RUMOURS of an affair be-tween two politicians lost Labour a London council after a stormy meeting last night.

The alleged relationship between the leaders of the Labour and Liberal Democrat groups in Havering, northeast London has been blamed for a series of defections over recent weeks which eroded Labour's slim hold on power. A coalition has taken control of the 63-seat council.

The leader of the Labour group. Arthur Latham, 66. formerly MP for Paddington and chairman of the Tribune group of MPs, and Caroline Hurlstone, 49, an English teacher, have both always firmly denied the relationship.

However, Mrs Hurlstone's husband Terry said yesterday he was suing her for divorce. Mr Hurlstone, who is currently on police bail after allegedly assaulting Mr Latham in his home six weeks ago, is waiting to see if he will be prosecuted.

Mrs Hurlstone said the collapse of the ruling Labour/Lib-Dem alliance on the council was motivated by personality clashes and petty self-interest. Those responsi-ble, she said, had replaced the one political giant we have had with a bunch of pygmies." Mrs Hurlstone, who succeeded her husband as Liberal Democrat parliamentary candidate for Upminster, defected to Labour three weeks ago.



Latham: former MP and ousted leader

fair between herself and Mr Latham were merely a smokescreen and "absolute rubbish", she said. "The alliance had a one-vote majority on every committee. We gave Labour the ability to act as the majority group, so we worked

She said those who defected from Labour had decided to do so before the incident "my-soon-to-be-exhusband", and Mr Latham. which had been the origin of stories about an affair. The four councillors who resigned the Labour whip had acted "because they could not get

their own way politically". The council meeting which ended Mr Latham's rule was interrupted by Mr Hurlstone from the public gallery, and erupted into noisy challenges on all sides as members hurled abuse.

An unlikely alliance of 12 Conservatives, 17 Residents.

defeat was wide opposition to his plans to set up information centres round the borough and create a new style of local government. Another Liberal Democrat

councillor, David Parker-Ross, deserted to the Tories three weeks ago, complaining that Mrs Hurlstone spent more time with Mr Latham than with her own group. Charles Harrison, the new

people away from him."

have a very close working

relationship with Mrs

She has said that she now

believes that "the way forward

for a progressive, anti-Tory

politician is within the Labour

with Mr Latham began last October after her daughter

was murdered at the Devon

farm where she worked, and

Mr Latham gave her support

and comfort at a difficult time.

that the real reason for his

Mr Latham said yesterday

Mrs Huristone's close links

our members."

Hurlstone.

Liberal Democrat leader, said he hoped the Rainbow coalition would restore calm. If somebody wrote a book about what has happened, readers would think it was too far



Simon Snaith working yesterday on one of the plaster ceiling mouldings of the Grand Reception Room at Windsor Castle

Castle rises anew — on time and within cost

By ALAN HAMILTON

THE largest historic building restora-tion project this century, at Windsor Castle, is entering its final phase and is expected to be completed on time and within its projected £40 million bud-get, officials of the Royal Household said yesterday.

More than a hundred rooms in the castle were damaged in a disastrous fire on November 20, 1992, delivering the final punishing blow to the Queen's annus horribilis. The largest occupied castle in the world is expected to be fully restored to its former glory by the spring of 1998.

Journalists were yesterday given a conducted tour of the affected areas. where an army of craftsmen, working in a dense forest of scaffolding, are recreating some of the grandest and most ornate interior design in Britain. The work is six times the size of the

project which restored the 17th-century wing of Hampton Court Palace after a similarly catastrophic fire in 1986. Michael Peat, the Queen's director of finance, reaffirmed yesterday that 70 per cent of restoration costs would be

met from entrance fees to the castle and to Buckingham Palace, which had already contributed more than Ell million. The remaining 30 per cent

comes from public funding.

Most spectacular of the original works is a new oak hammerbeam roof for St George's Hall, the 150ft-long ceremonial chamber which previously had a low-pitched roof of plaster painted to look like wood designed by Jeffrey de Wyattville for George IV in 1830. It has taken 70 English oaks to furnish the timber.

Giles Downes, architect of the new

roof, said yesterday: "It is not a copy of what was here before; it is an improvement. It maintains the Gothic spirit of the original, but is much more peaked and gives an extra two metres of headroom. Nothing like has been put up in Britain for a century."

Elsewhere, craftsmen in plaster are restoring the ceiling and walls of the Grand Reception Room, judged the finest rococo interior in Britain. Because the private chapel was destroyed, it has been redesigned as an unusual octagonal anteroom to St



Accountant is charged over church funds theft

By RUTH GLEDHILL

A CHURCH accountant was

All the London's diocese's money is kept in the diocesan fund, which is worth £150 million. A large proportion is tied up in vicarages and other church property, but £18 million is held in trust for the

diocese's 396 parishes. New checks and balances

station for further questioning and was charged. He was taken on as an

According to the Church Times, the diocese suffered

AND STEPHEN FARRELL

charged yesterday in connection with the theft of nearly £240,000 donated by parishes to the London diocese. Dean Bailey, 33, will appear in court next month accused of falsifying documents and deception.

Mr Bailey from Shoreditch, east London, was employed as an assistant accountant at the diocesan fund office in central London when the alleged frauds took place between the summer of 1990 and February

were put into place by Chris Smith, the diocesan secretary, after he was appointed two years ago by Dr David Hope, who was then Bishop of London. These checks eventually led to discrepancies being uncovered by the diocese's auditors, Coopers & Lybrand. Mr Bailey was questioned by police and released on police bail. Yesterday, he returned to Belgravia police

partment in April 1990, where he worked for his father-inlaw, the Rev Ronald Vaughan, the former head of the depart-Bishop of Stepney's projects officer. Mr Bailey's wife Rosemary also worked for the diocese, in the parsonages department, but left when she was expecting. They have a daughter aged two.

eleased after serving two Roderick Newall, a former Army officer, is serving his sentence in Jersey.

£50m for ex-wife 'would not be missed'

By JOANNA BALE

A SENIOR Court of Appeal judge questioned yesterday whether an American multimillionaire would miss a £50 million divorce payment. As lawyers representing

Robert Dart argued that his "many, many tens of millions" was unreasonable. Lady Justice Butler-Sloss said

based on the manufacture of polystyrene cartons.

Mrs Dart, 37, who lives in Lansing, Michigan, is chal-lenging an award of £8.85 million made in the High Court after the couple divorced last

Lady Justice Butler-Sloss questioned whether Mr Justice Johnson, who made the to provide a top-up, when

enjoyed is a yardstick," she

Barry Singleton, QC, representing Mr Dart, said: "There must come a time when the wife is provided for. There requirements become unreasonable. It is not the court's job

that it "would not dent" his first award, should have been the first award award in the first award. The first award is the first award in the

Mr Singleton said the original award had already allowed for Mrs Dart to indulge in such luxuries as the occasional chartering of a plane, but he admitted the lifestyle even in America, before moving to Britain. Judgment has been reserved.

Curry that took some beating

AN INDIAN curry seemed the perfect way to round off a pleasant evening for David Ives and his partially sighted friend Paul Hester. They ordered a beer and studied the menu but because the lighting was so subdued Mr Hester had difficulty reading it.

What happened next resembled Fawlty Towers but became more serious, Bosmath Sheffi, for the prosecution, told Luton Crown Court, "A waiter asked for their order but when told they were not ready he poured their drinks away and ordered them to leave." Miss Sheffi said. "Mr Ives tried to explain but

to no avail. The waiter was joined by other staff and Mr lves was attacked with a basebali bat. He was surrounded by people and beaten on his back, head and arm as he tried to protect himself. Then he was bundled out

of the door and his arm was trapped as someone tried to close it," Miss Sheffi said. Mr Hester, who is registered blind, was restrained from helping his friend.

Yesterday Foyzul Islam, 30, the owner of the Dhaka Tandoori and his brother. Sirajul Islam, 33, the chef, admitted affray in August last year. They were both given a 12-month conditional discharge. Judge Gareth Davies, who awarded Mr Ives £2,000 compensation and Mr Hester £500, said: "No doubt you have troublesome customers but this was an unprovoked attack on innocent people."

Brother freed to inherit fortune

By RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

helping his brother to cover up the murder of their wealthy parents, has been freed from prison only 21 months into a six-year sentence.

Newall, 29, a former Eurobond dealer who earned E150,000 a year, will now inherit his share of his parents' fortune, which as a result of investment is understood to be worth several million pounds. The brothers had shared the £500,000 left to them by their parents plus £400,000 from a great uncle.

Gloucestershire was deofficer who spent two years on the investigation into the murders of Nicholas and Elizabeth couple were bludgeoned to death by Roderick, their other



Newall's release from



Newall: helped to hide his parents' bodies

MARK NEWALL, jailed for son, who is serving a life sentence for murder. Mark admitted destroying evidence and helping to bury his parents' bodies secretly. Graham Nimmo, a former

detective inspector now retired from the States of Jersey Police, said yesterday that Mark Newall had cost the island and its authorities a tremendous amount of money. The investigation took longer than the time he served because of an elaborate and protracted cover-up in which

Leyhill open prison in nounced by a senior police Newall in Jersey in 1987. The

he initially told "lie after lie". Mr Nimmo added: "It's a bit galling that he's out and can do what he likes. I would have liked to see him serve at least four to four-and-a-half years." Newall's eligibility for release earlier this month was made under the 1991 Criminal Justice Act, which operates in England and Wales but not

eligible for parole after serving half their sentence. He became eligible in March because he had been in custody since being arrested three years earlier. If he had remained in Jersey he would have been eligible for release in March next year. Jersey does not operate a parole system but well-be-

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Ian Warren, the general manager, said: Three people had to cancel at the last moment from a charter flight. They were covered by insurance which meant they got their money back and we had been

"But we were then able to offer their

By Harvey Elliott

TRAVEL CORRESPONDENT

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The family of three from Doncaster

spotted the offer on Teletext from the

Blackpool-based Liberty World Travel.

weekend.

within 20 minutes of them appearing on the screen. There is so much capacity on the market at the moment that airlines A FAMILY set off for a Florida fly-drive holiday for £9 a head yesterday, as Britons demonstrated their determare getting rid of their distressed stock at whatever price they can get." The family have to pay for their accommodation, airport taxes and £69 ination to grab last-minute holidays to

ımage-waiver car insurance. Travel agencies around the country

Holidays grabbed while they're hot

said that there has been a surge in demand, especially for Spain, the Ballearies and Greece. Temperatures as high as 30C (86F) in the past few days appear to have been the magnet. The Going Places chain said there had been a 20 per cent jump in bookings this week when it became apparent that May was to be one of the coldest and most seats at the extremely low price of £9 and miserable on record. Thomas Cook said

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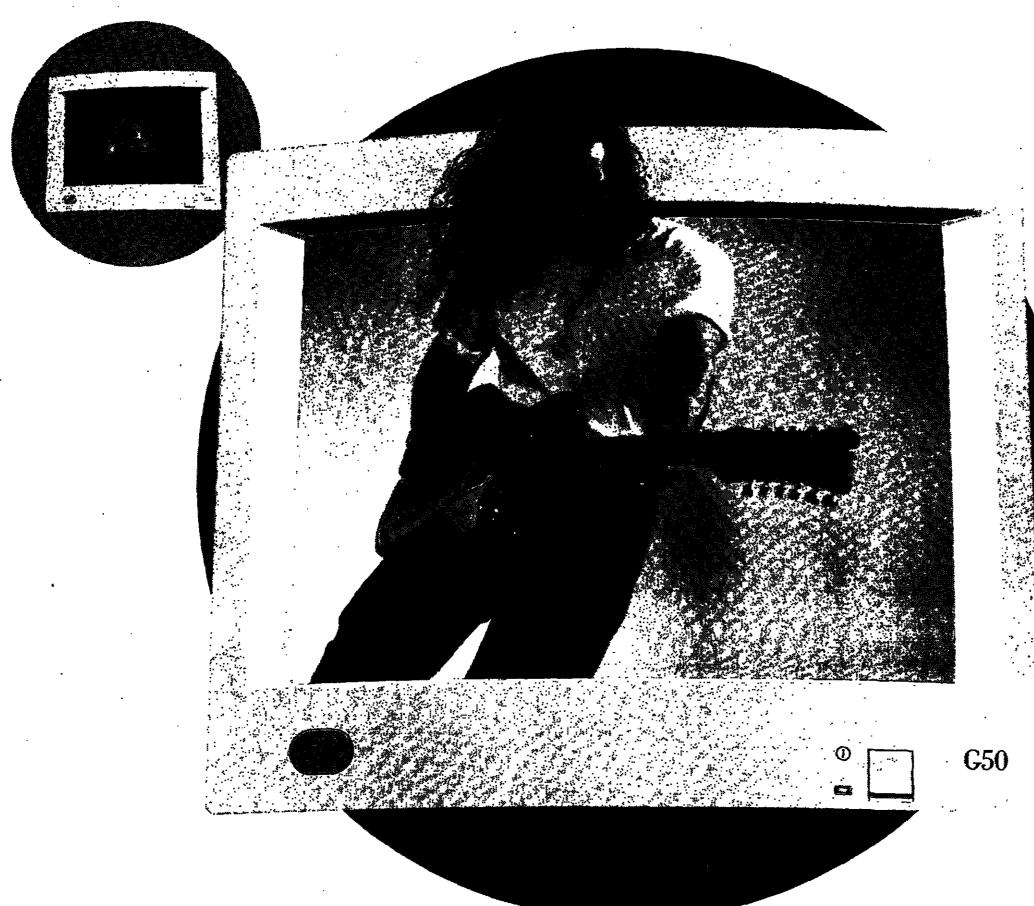
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Poly, said that a sharp fall in the number of package holidays on offer this year meant that many potential clients flooding into their travel shops were having to

Heathrow Airport expects to handle about 339,000 people over the four days from today to Bank Holiday Monday. Gatwick expects 332,000, Manchester 204,000 and Birmingham 40,000. A further 350,000 people will cross the Channel by ferry, while 210,000 are expected to go through the Channel Tunnel by either Eurostar or Le Shuttle

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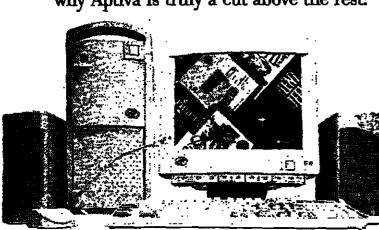
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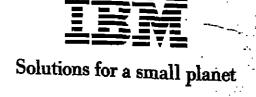
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Sunday stablemate, earlier told the tribunal: "This was

sex discrimination. If I was a

woman I would still have my

job. It was a cull of middle-

aged males.
"I worked extremely hard.

long hours, 14 or 16-hour days

for seven years. My work was

consistently praised inside and outside Express News-

papers. This all came to an

abrupt end two weeks after the

appointment of the new

Mr Jones, from Rickmans-

worth in Hertfordshire, who

earned £62,000 a year,

claimed that he was never

given a reason for his dismiss-

tion" - he received a cheque

for £31,875 but claimed female

staff who left the paper re-

differently if I had been a

woman. I do not have any

doubts about that," he said. "] believe my sacking is part of an anti-male agenda. The

Sunday Express has now be-

come a paper which has no

time for middle-aged male-

had sacked Mr Jones because

of his age and gender. He had been sacked after a "phenomenal" decline in the paper's circulation. "It would never

occur to me to judge people by

their age or gender. I can only

judge them on merit. I am on

trial with this job too," she

allow Express Newspapers,

which admitted unfair dismissal, and Mr Jones to agree a compensation package. He

declined to reveal after the

hearing whether he had found another job. "I think the

chairman's comments about

the nature of the dismissal

The tribunal adjourned to

Ms Douglas denied that she

dominated values."

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ceived 12 months' salary.

or "adequate compensa-

THE Editor of the Sunday Express acted in an utterly irrational and whimsical fashion when she dismissed a highly regarded executive, an industrial tribunal chairman said yesterday.

Graham Jones, 44, had told the hearing that he was the victim of a callous, brutal cull of middle-aged men and that Sue Douglas, 39, had behaved like "King Herod in reverse not killing the babies but all men over 35". He had been "tossed aside like a toffee wrapper" within a fortnight of ner arrival in January. Despite his role as assistant editor (news), he had been told to clear his desk and go straight home on the day of his dismissal. A replacement, 40year-old Richard Ellis, was in place an hour later.

Express Group Newspapers admitted acting improperly in the way Mr Jones was dismissed. However, his claim of sexual discrimination was dismissed by the tribunal at Croydon, south London.

lan Lamb, the tribunal chairman, had harsh words for Ms Douglas. He told her she had been "hiring and firing with complete disregard to the laws or good employ-ment practice. She had oper-ated as if there was no restriction on her powers at all "We do not think she paused long enough to assemble an agenda here except to consider who she wanted around her.

This dismissal had no rhyme or reason except the personal preference of Ms Douglas ... it was unterly irrational and whimsical She considered that Mr Jones was just not a person she wanted to work with."

Mr Jones, an Oxford graduate who has also worked at The Daily Telegraph and its



Gareth Potter was charged £113 for an ambulance ride after being knocked down

Patient, 4, threatened with court bailiffs

A HOSPITAL summonsed a boy aged four for not paying a £113 ambulance bill after he was knocked down by a car. Gareth Potter of Pontefract West Yorkshire, was at risk of having his toys confiscated after his mother ignored solic-

itors' letters, assuming there had been a mistake. The child, who had been taken to hospital after the accident last year, was due before Pontefract County Court next month. Yesterday the proceedings were thrown out when lawyers representing Pontefract General Infir-

mary realised the mistake.

His mother Veronica, 27, said that when a balliff's warrant for Gareth's possessions arrived, "my immediate reaction was to put his toys out so they would realise how stupid the whole episode was." She telephoned the bailiff, who apologised and told her not to worry. She had thought the matter was forgotten when the summons arrived.

Yesterday the hospital apologised through its solicitors. "Hospitals are very busy and the odd mistake can be made," a spokeswoman said.

Teachers call for defiance on tests

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

A CAMPAIGN by head teachers to block the publication of the first primary school league tables was backed yesterday by the biggest school union. Governors are being urged to refuse to give the Government the results of tests on 11-yearolds which finish this week.

Doug McAvoy, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, has written to governing bodies throughout England, asking them to restrict access to the results to parents and teachers. He acknowledged that such action would be a breach of their statutory duty but says that legal action by the Govern-ment was unlikely.

The grades are to be turned into league tables next March. Mr McAvoy said: "If signifi-cant numbers of governing bodies decided not to return test results, what remedies would be open to them? Ministers would find it embarrassing to take action against the very people they are asking to make the system work."

Governors are already under pressure from the National Association of Head Teachers not to pass on the results. David Hart, the

NAHT's general secretary, criticised the National Association of Governors and Managers, which has rejected its appeals, saying it was "time it stopped behaving as if it was the Government's poodle".

Many governors were as angry as their teachers when Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secre-tary, changed her mind in February and decided that the results of the tests should be published next year in national performance tables. But Mrs Shephard said

yesterday that poor test results and alarming inspectors' reports left her no alternative. The public has a right to this information," she said. The National Governors' Council has asked Mrs Shephard to abandon league tables this

☐ Companies are cashing in on the squeeze in school funding by providing so-called educational resources which are biased, covered with company logos or which encourage children to eat chocolate and fast foods, the National Consumer Council said.

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Nigeria promises to free British boy

By Michael Dynes

NIGERIA yielded to diplomatic pressure from the Foreign Office yesterday and promised to release a British schoolboy held prisoner for a

John-Paul Mokulou, 13, was arrested in Lagos while visit-



John-Paul: held in Lagos

while visiting relatives

ing relatives. Officials believe that he was being held hostage to force his father, a cousin of the former president of Nige-

ria, to give himself up.
It is thought that John-Paul was arrested because he gave his name as Obasanjo. The Foreign Office was unable to clarify whether he was related to Major-General Olusegun Obasanjo, who ruled Nigeria from 1976 to 1979.

Christine Olukoya, the boy's mother, flew to Lagos on Wednesday to secure his re-lease. The Foreign Office said: "We have heard from the Nigerian authorities that the boy will be released.

Glenda Jackson, the Labour MP who highlighted the plight of the north London boy, said that the family had no reason to believe that John-Paul's father was "a dissident of any kind". She denounced the "outrageous behaviour" of the Nigerian authorities.



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Sales delayed for Wembley and Old Trafford games

Euro 96 tickets withheld in mix-up over rival fans

By John Goodbody and Richard Ford

TICKET sales for Euro 96 were in turmoil yesterday when about 1,000 Wembley seats destined for Dutch supporters were withheld because they were in areas reserved for

On another embarrassing day for the tournament, the organisers had to explain the problems to the Government, with Manchester United also unable to sell its full allocation of 28,100 tickets for four matches at Old Trafford because plans to segregate fans had not been completed.

Officials of the Football Association (FA) met Michael Howard, the Home Secretary. and Virginia Bottomley, the National Heritage Secretary, yesterday to reassure them that all tickets ordered by group purchasers were being scrutinised and "would be honoured only if it was safe do so after the necessary checks had been made".

The Dutch have already sold their official allocation of 8.100 seats for each of their three group games but thousands more fans are trying to buy black-market tickets for the matches. The withheld tickets were for the match against England on June 18. It is understand that none of the four English-based com-

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panies offering the tickets at Wembley will be charged with any offence because they claim they were authorised to make bulk applications. The approval was allegedly given

by Trevor Phillips, who resigned as commercial director of the FA two weeks ago to save the governing body "em-barrassment". There is no suggestion that Mr Phillips profited from ticket sales.

Euro 96 organisers want to segregate supporters because of the potential for violence. The executives will release the 1,000 tickets for the England-Netherlands match only if the

four unnamed companies selling them can give the names and addresses in England of the purchasers. If not, the tickets will be offered for domestic sale.

The organisers have also withdrawn a further 1,000 tickets obtained by ten people, who were charged this week with touting offences. The remaining ticket agencies and corporate hospitality brokers, who were raided on April 30 by Scotland Yard detectives. will be allowed to keep their seats if the organisers are satisfied that there is no breach of security. Man-



Phillips, left, and Howard: worries over ticket

chester United has delayed selling its remaining tickets for the championship while club officials and Euro 96 "finalised the segregation". On Tuesday, the six other clubs at whose grounds the three-week championship will be staged began selling about 170,000 seats direct to the public. Some 1.2 million tickets have so far been bought

through Euro 96.

Manchester United has complained that the FA has not given clear instructions on sales. A total of 28,100 tickets remain for Germany versus Czech Republic, Russia versus Germany, and also one quarter-final and one semi-final, when fans will be buying without knowing which teams they will see.

☐ The project co-ordinator of Synchro Systems, which is the official ticket agency for the Euro 96, has been found dead, five days after being sacked. Roderick Cornes fell to his death while climbing with a friend in Staffordshire. The police said that there was no suggestion that Mr Cornes had been distressed or upset before the climb or that he had contributed to his own death in any way.

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Mike Harvey, right, on an earlier return to Colditz with Jack Best, left, Hugh Bruce, centre, and two other ex-PoWs

PoWs honour the ghost of Colditz

BY ROBIN YOUNG

A NAVAL officer who earned the nickname "the ghost of Colditz Castle" by masterminding escapes from an underground hiding-hole in the German fortress will be remembered by his fellow prisoners of war today.

Captain Mike Harvey, who died last week aged 82, and an RAF officer, Jack Best, used a double bluff. They hid inside the jail near Leipzig in eastern Germany until the guards thought they had escaped and then emerged for roll calls to disguise the fact that other prisoners actually had got

Major Hugh Bruce, a former Royal Marinewho with Mr Best will be among six former Colditz inmates attending a special service of thanksgiving for Mr Harvey in his home village of

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Langham, Norfolk, said yesterday: "The idea was that Mike and Jack would go into hiding in the castle and be missing from the regular roll calls. After a while the Germans were fooled into thinking that they had escaped. It meant we had two extra people and when anyone really did escape they could stand in for them."

Mr Bruce added: "It was brilliantly simple and it bought extra time for those who managed to get away. The first 24 to 48 hours were vital to an escaper. You needed as much time as possible before the alarm was raised to reach the railway station before suspicions were aroused.

"Mike had a bloody awful time doing it. He and Jack lived underground in a tiny hole beneath a stone step in one of the accommodation biocks.

The plan helped several prisoners to get away until, after 300 days underground, Harvey and Best were themselves caught trying to escape. Their capture left the Germans with an embarrassing problem. "They could not charge them with escaping because they were already supposed to have got away and they were caught in the courtyard of the castle. The German mind being what it is, they charged them with being absent from 1,326 roll

calls instead," Mr Bruce said. Mr Harvey, who had been captured in 1940 when his submarine HMS Undine was forced to the surface, served 28 days in solitary confinement and was eventually freed by the Americans in April 1945. He resumed his naval career, commanding HMS St Austell Bay, a frigate, and HMS Blackcap, a Royal Naval Air station, before leaving the service. He became managing director of a manufacturing company before retiring to Norfolk with

Philosophic Cantona takes shot at record

BY RICHARD DUCE

MANCHESTER's favourite Cantona told assembled reunfathomable words of wisdom can be put to profitable use. Eric Cantona has been signed up by the pop producer Pete Waterman to make a record.

Not that the United footballer is planning anything along the lines of Albatross, Fleetwood Mac's chart-topper of 30 years ago. More an experi-mental, avant-garde affair, says Waterman, who admits Cantona is no Sinatra.

It was after a court appear-

ance in connection with his attack on a football fan that chman is hoping that his porters: "When seagulls follow a trawler, it is because they think sardines will be

> thrown into the sea." Waterman said yesterday: "Any man who can say that is genius." He added: "I don't think you should be looking at it as a singing project. He isn't going to be singing My Way or No Regrets, like Piaf. We will be using Eric's poetry, his ideology and i see it as being

very experimental." The recording deal is said to be worth £500,000.





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RADA wins £23m from lottery to rebuild academy

By Dalya Alberge and Bill Prost

THE Royal Academy of Dramatic Art (RADA) was awarded a grant of £22,750,000 yesterday from the Arts Council's lottery funds. It will go towards the £30,760,000 that the college needs to renovate and extend its dilapidated premises in Bloomsbury, cen-

tral London. Many of RADA's illustrious former students, including Sir John Gielgud, Lord Attenborough and Imogen Stubbs, recalled how the school had been crying out for funds for as long as they could remember. Any money that was ever raised was always spent on tuition, rather than a building that had never recovered from

Lord Attenborough. RADA's chairman, said: The academy was bombed in 1942 - in fact, when I was a student there. Because of the war and low government funding, we simply had to make do." The news of the lottery grant had made him "delirious". He added: "If you love the place as much as I have over the last 25 to 30 years, it's a fairy story

Ms Stubbs recalled that there was so little space in which to rehearse that students were relegated to performing in "a black room with a few broken windows", or outside, in Russell Square. Walls were so thin, students felt self-conscious, knowing that their performances echoed throughout the school.

But, she added, the building exuded a unique charm when she thought of actors trained there - such as Albert Finney and Peter O'Toole.

Although Ms Stubbs felt "thrilled" at RADA's good fortune, she called for lottery cash to fund student grants. Every day she received begging letters. "It would be a huge loss if only posh people who could afford to go there." She also spoke of the need for equipment. When she was a

student, there was no training for film or television because there was no money for cameras. RADA yesterday announced that the school would be re-equipped so that future generations of actors and actresses can learn to work with the technology of the 21st

century and beyond". Sir John, a RADA student in



Barter: defended grant against "luvvy" charges

the early 1920s, said: "I'm so glad they have got out of their troubles. It's a very good school. I learnt a lot from being there."

Bryan Forbes, the actor and director, welcomed news of the grant but suggested that at least some of the money should go towards reducing fees, now about £7,000 a year. He also received letters every week from young hopefuls asking for financial support. "It is very sad. Rather than spending all the money on refurbishment RADA should think seriously about cutting

His own memories of

RADA were mixed. "Quite frankly it was a bit of joke when I was there in 1942. More importance was at-tached to morning prayers than drama. I was one of only 13 men and there were 200 girls, so I had rather a good time. But, as for my dramatic education, that came later," he

Among other leading actors who welcomed the news was Jeremy Irons, a Bristol Old Vic graduate who has just re-turned from filming Lolita. 'Any money that goes towards the training of actors is good,"

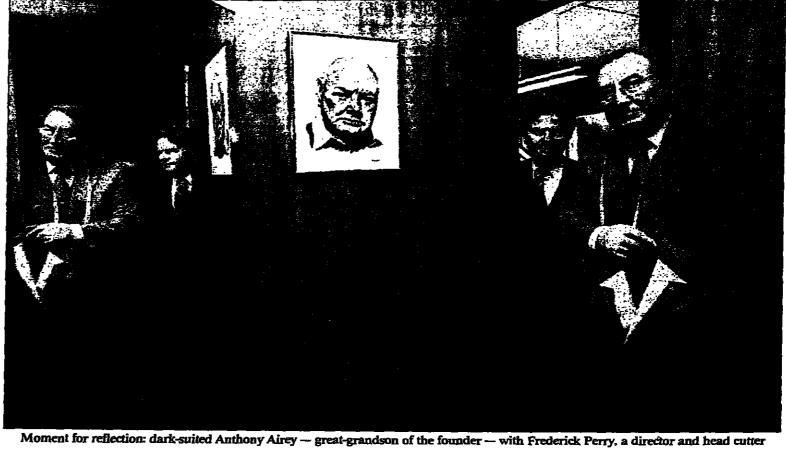
Duncan Weldon, director of the Chichester Festival Theatre, said: "It is good news to hear that lottery money is going towards securing the future of a drama school which then secures the future of British theatre."

The producer Thelma Holt, who studied at RADA in the mid-1950s, remembered how in the summer, it was either a sauna bath or you couldn't hear anything because there was no way of cutting out the noise from the street". When she talked to today's students, nothing had changed. "You can't work in the theatre and not go to RADA." Nicholas Barter, the Princi-

pal of RADA, defended the grant against the charge that it was a windfall for "luvvy" southerners. The academy was for people of all classes and backgrounds, he said.

"We're drawing people in from all over the country - we hold auditions in Manchester, Nottingham, Newcastle and Belfast. We're drawing new blood into the theatre and we're looking for people from homes across the social spectrum.

The L22,750,000 grant is still dwarfed by the £55 million given last year to fund part of the renovation of the Royal Opera House in Covent



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Tropical tailors face the unkindest cut

THE sun is setting on a name that helped the British to keep their cool in the hottest international affairs. In days of empire, the reason why

Englishmen could manage to join mad dogs in the midday sun was probably because they were all wear-ing natty, tropical safari suits from Airey & Wheeler. But not for much

After 113 years, a closure date of June 29 has been set for the gents' outfitter in Piccadilly, London, which ran up lightweight suits for Winston Churchill when he visited Onassis's yacht in the 1960s, which has kitted out a fleet of foreign secretaries, clothed colonial administrators who detest a siesta, and which is almost the official uniform-supplier to the Foreign Office.

"We went into administration in January," said Anthony Airey, whose great-grandfather James was the shop's founder. The recession had finally got to us.

"I don't think the market for these clothes has gone. It's just that money has been very tight in the last few years. And we were particularly



affected by the Gulf War. That cut down a lot of travel to that area. A lot of our customers are men buying tropical clothes with their company allowances, and when the recession came, that was one of the ways those companies saved money."

The shop's business managed to grow even as the British Empire was

in decline after the war, he added. "Air travel increased through the 1950s, boosting the demand for lightweight suits from businessmen, who were travelling more, and further. And, of course, foreign holidays were becoming more widespread."

Airey & Wheeler's success grew from suit fabric weighing about 702 a



Customers: the Duke of York, Lord Tonypandy and Lord Owen

suiting. This helped to ensure, as Noel Coward put it, "that though the English are effete, they're quite impervious to heat".

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per cent off. "A lot of Foreign Office people come here," says Mr Airey. "They were quite horrified when they heard we were closing down.

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Army veteran tried to murder gay man in 'revenge attack'

By Richard Duce

A FORMER soldier developed such a hatred of homosexuals after he was raped by a colleague while serving in the Army that he tried to murder a man who picked him up in a bar, the Old Bailey was told

George Rees was jailed for life with a recommendation that he serve at least ten years before parole was considered. Rees, who left The Blues and Royals cavalry regiment over 20 years ago claiming he was frequently bullied and abused, admitted the attempted murder of Tony Grundy.

He told police he also want-ed to kill Michael Cashman, the actor who has campaigned for the Armed Forces to end its ban on homosexuals, and claimed to have kicked to death a gay man in Amsterdam, although this was never

Peter Kyte, for the prosecution, said that Rees, 39, had met Mr Grundy in a bar one Sunday last October and was invited back to his home at the Barbican in London. Once there, he turned on his middleaged host, forcing him to undress, then tied him up and stabbed him three times in the

Rees had told his victim: "You are bleeding to death. his crime, "perhaps the court and gay men."

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Mr Kyte said that having forced Mr Grundy to reveal his bank pin number, Rees fled with his gold watch, his wallet, credit cards and apartment keys. Mr Grundy managed to stagger for help, having lost four pints of blood.

Rees, formerly from Moss Side, Manchester, who was on the run from prison where he was serving six years for robbery, was arrested several weeks later in Windsor and confessed his crime. He told police he had been aiming for Mr Grundy's heart and was amazed he had survived.

"I just snapped. I was absolutely raging. In my heart of hearts I had done something which I knew had been coming for a long, long time.

"After the stabbing I felt a

great sense of relief. He epitomised everything I had gone through 20 years ago." He claimed he was prepared to kill as many gay men as possible, adding: "They will never be safe from me."

Sandra Stanfield, for Rees, said: "He recognises he is a danger to society, a danger to a certain part of the popula-tion." Had Rees not confessed here would be dealing with a

serial murderer." Judge Hawkins told Rees: "It is obvious that you are a very dangerous man. The fact that you are extremely dangerous to the public should be remembered many years hence by those who have responsibility for your future."

As he was led from the dock,

Rees turned to the judge, smiled and said: "Perhaps I will be out in time for Manchester City to come back to the Premier League. Thank you. Have a nice day."
Rees, who joined the Army

in 1973 and left in 1975, spent 20 weeks in detention and 12 weeks absent without leave. An MoD spokesman said he was regarded as "highly maladjusted". He had made no allegations about homosexuality, which would have been investigated. After learning of Rees's feel-

ings Mr Cashman, the former EastEnders actor who is head of the gay rights group Stone-wall, said: "I have had an occasional brick through my window and the occasional threat, but the fact that somebody might be out to murder you makes you wonder what sort of world it is where people are so twisted against lesbians

Challenge changes stripes into a star ride

CHALLENGED that he could not tame a zebra. Gary Witherford, a stables owner, has broken a three-year-old stallion and claimed that within three hours it was able

Yesterday Mr Witherford, 36, of Wootton Bassett, Wiltshire, said: "Given the right approach anything can be trained and tamed - now I'm going to try to ride a giraffe." He has worked with horses

since the age of 12 and has always been fascinated by exotic wildlife. So when Chipperfield's Circus offered him the chance to train a wild zebra he agreed immediately. However. Mr Witherford, who is 6ft and weighs 13 stone, was too heavy to ride Mombassa and had to hand over the reins to Nicky Da-vies, 5ft. "I would have loved to have ridden him myself," Mr Witherford said, "but I'm far too tall and heavy. But I have achieved a lifelong ambition by getting someone else to ride a zebra.

"Mombassa was surprisingly easy to train and it only took me three hours to actually get someone to ride him. The secret to training any wild animal is eye contact and body language.

"Once they recognise you are the master and you've established trust through eye contact they will do whatever



Nicky Davies on the young stallion Mombassa

Teenage demands for sex 'lead to abuse'

HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

NCREASING numbers of young people are being coerced into sexual activity, doctors say. An era of sexual licence is encouraging behaviour that crosses the boundary to instances of abuse, with teenagers submitting to sexual activity only to avoid rejection or to conform to social

A survey of 1.100 adolescents aged 13 to 17 found one in three girls and one in ten boys said they had been subjected to a sexual experience without their consent ranging from indecent exposure to intercourse. One in 20 girls and one in 100 boys said they had had forced sexual intercourse. A third of those reporting

such an experience said it had occurred with another teenager aged under 18. Among the girls, three quarters of unwanted sexual experiences involving physical contact were with men under 35.

The findings from the survey, carried out in Geneva. conform with those from other countries. In Britain, a study of adults last year by the NSPCC found that a quarter of women and one in ten men said they had been subjected to "sexual interference" as adolescents and in 30 per cent of

cases the abuser was under 16.
Writing in the British Medical Journal, Dr Daniel Hal-perin, a specialist at L'Hòpital des Enfants. Geneva, who car-ried out the study, said that teenagers as well as adults perpetrated child sex abuse. The study "suggests that for a sizeable minority of adolescents there is a rougher, possibly even traumatic side to sexual exploration". Further study of the "complex dating and sexual behaviour" of adolescents was needed.

Speaking yesterday, Dr Halperin said that comments by the girls in the survey "suggest that what one partner sees as seductive behaviour may be seen by the other as breaching the limits of seductivity. Young males believe that love and romance might allow them to be more than persuasive and indulge in a rougher kind of sexual activity. The girl may not be able to resist because she wants to preserve the relationship or to conform to social pressures.

Television and magazines indirectly encourage teenagers to perform all kinds of sexual acts which are presented as common, but very little is said about the right to refuse." Michelle Elliott, of Kidscape, a charity that seeks to prevent child abuse through

educating teachers and parents, said the findings accord-

ed with experience in Britain.

Mother's rapist stalked second woman

By PAUL WILKINSON

A RAPIST who attacked a mother in front of her two children in a country lane is thought to have stalked another woman minutes earlier. Police revealed details yesterday as they issued a composite picture of the wanted man.

Detective Chief Inspector Tony Porter, who is leading the search, said that shortly before the attack a woman in her forties had got off a bus at the end of the lane near Buckton Vale in Tameside, Greater Manchester.

She became aware she was being followed and doubled back," he said. "She had a very good look at the man, who had a very similar description to the rapist."

The victim, aged 28, was attacked on Monday afternoon as she walked with her son, aged two, and six-monthold daughter. The rapist threatened her with a knife which had an eight-inch serrated blade.

The mother succumbed only when she thought he would



atack the children. She helped to compile yesterday's E-fit

The rapist is described as white, aged 20-25, 5ft 6in tall, slim, with short dark hair and bushy eyebrows. He wore a camel-coloured fleece zipped jacket, blue jeans and walking boots with yellow top trim. □ A man wanted in connection with two attacks on a

teenage student was named by police yesterday as Yousuf Ali, 23. Detectives believe that he is obsessed with the girl, whom he once knew casually. The 19-year-old victim was

raped twice in six hours at her home in Colchester, Essex. Eight days later she was beaten up at home and left unconscious.

Ali is described as 6ft tall, of Indian or Pakistani appearance, slim-built with short black hair, smartly dressed and well-spoken, and driving a black or dark blue VW Golf convertible. He is thought to live in North London, and may use other names.

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Suspicion falls on fishermen as RSPCA prepares to make use of tougher penalties

Men with clubs caught on film near seal killings

By Paul Wilkinson

A PHOTOGRAPH of three men carrying clubs, taken shortly before grey seals were found battered to death on coastal rocks, was being studied by RSPCA officials

Mother; rapist stalked

second

woman

The illegal killing of at least seven seals at the resort of Filey in east Yorkshire over the past month has enraged many local people. Suspicion has fallen on local fishermen. who often complain that seals take the salmon they rely on for a living. Fishermen's organisations

along the coast have declined to comment on the deaths. Several residents have telephoned the RSPCA with possible identities of the culprits. One provided the snapshot of

the three men. The RSPCA officer leading the investigation, Deputy Chief Inspector Geoff Edmond, said: "We will check



Two of the men pictured on the Yorkshire coast where the carcasses of grey seals were found

these tips out and examine the photograph very closely. At the moment I am gathering evidence and I hope soon to be able to present a file to the

police for further action. The people responsible for this should know they are not just facing a fine of a few pounds. Under the new Wild Mammals (Protection) Act, which became law only last month, they could be fined up to £5,000 and jailed for six

The seal carcasses have been found on and around Filey Brigg, a rocky promon-tory that juts several hundred yards out to sea from the Several had been bludgeoned to death, one had been slit open along its stomach and another ripped with a fisher-man's gaff, a large hook on a long pole used for landing big

These are classic cases of what the new law was introduced to prevent," Mr Edmond said. "Whatever the rights and wrongs of seals taking fish, this is no way for any animal to die. It is sickening what has been done



Marie Sweeting yesterday above Filey Brigg, where she had been walking before alerting wildlife officials

to them. The Act specifically says these are unlawful ways of killing.

"My immediate concern is to ensure no more killings take place. The Brigg is a popular place for seals to take a rest but it is also easy for the killers

"I know fishermen are always complaining about los-

ing fish to seals, but this is not in the police and the RSPCA. a normal occurrence. Clearly someone somewhere does not

like seals."

The alarm was raised by a woman out walking with her teenage daughter on the Brigg. Marie Sweeting, 45, told wildlife experts at the Sea Life Centre, seven miles away Mrs Sweeting said that she its head battered in. q

saw three men with bait and heavy sticks. "One of them said words to the effect that they were going to 'see to' the She took her daughter away

immediately but when her friend Damon Taylor visited

a seal dead on the rocks with

Simon Foster of the centre has seen five dead animals. He said: "I have seen some severe injuries inflicted on animals by the sea, but in all my years in working with seals I have never seen anything like this. It was

Film star is likely to make perfect recovery

By A STAFF REPORTER

FAM!LY and friends of the actor Timothy Spall said yes-terday that they expected him to recover fully from his

serious illness.
The television, film and stage star is in hospital for what his agent, Peter Froggatt, called "extensive treatment". Mr Froggatt refused to con-firm a report that doctors had diagnosed leukaemia.

"Tim and his family decid ed they did not want to go into details," he said. "Tun is fine and in good spirits, but he has been in hospital for a few days. We expect him to make a perfect recovery but we can't say how long it will take."

The statement issued by the family said that they appreciated the public's interest but wanted his privacy to be respected. It added "Peace and quiet is essential for his

well being."

Spall's brother Richard, who runs a pub in Guildford, Surrey, said: "This is a family thing. There is no reason for the public to know any more."

The actor's iliness was made public this week when he failed to attend the Cannes Film Festival, where the Mike Leigh film Secrets and Lies, in which he has a leading role. won the Palme d'Or.

Spall, 39, is married with three children and lives in-Forest Hill, south London. He specialises in playing ordinary characters and first found fame as boring Barry from Birmingham, a builder in Auf Wiedersehen Pet. He also starred in Frank Stubbs Promotes and Outside Edge.



Spall: did not attend Cannes Film Festival

Daily drug offers lucky break for victims of fragile bones

The bent old woman, stick in hand, who taps her way along the pavement is all too likely to have been the petite student that 50 years earlier enthralled her contemporaries with her appearance and prowess on the games field and dance floor.

Post-menopausal osteoporosis can reduce the nimblest gymnast to incapacity in later life. Women athletes, because of the hormonal upset those sporting activities produce, are particularly liable to suffer badly from osteoporosis. Fragility of the bones plagues most older women after their oestrogen suplies have failed at the me Men too suffer from esteoporosis in the prevention of hip, spine, wrist women who will develop breast but usually it starts at a later age.

convenience that makes it difficult for older women to reach the upper kitchen shelves or gives them a dis-abling chronic backache. It is also a killer, because a fragile bone is liable to fracture. A broken hip not only means a long period in hospital but all too often leads to lethal complications. In one recent survey a fifth of women who had had a fractured hip died within a year.

Rheumatologists, orthopaedic surgeons and experts from a host of allied specialties gathered in Amsterdam this week for a meeting of the World Congress on Osteoporosis. One of the papers delivered was amax alendronate and other fractures. Fosamax is



for several years. Hormone replacement therapy (HRT) is a standard way of preventing osteoporosis; it has the advantage of reducing the incidence of heart disease and possibly strokes, as well as loss of bone density and fragility, but the disadvantage of increasing the likelihood of breast cancer.

cancer is small. But in up to a third

HRT have to be weighed against irritability and irrational behaviour which it induces in this minority of women every month.

Fosamax is an alternative to HRT. Regrettably it does not have a beneficial effect on heart disease or strokes or preserve a youthful genitalia, but it does not increase the hence there is no PMT. It has only been used for a comparatively few years but apart from the occasional case of indigestion does not seem to cause serious side-effects. It may prove to be of an immense

advantage to those women who are either reluctant to take HRT or for whom it is not recommended because of a family history of breast disease or ovarian cancer.

n important aspect of the research reported in Amsterdam was that an American trial in which Fosamax was given to more than 2,000 women between 55 and 80 showed that it had a dramatic effect on the fracture rate. Women taking Fosamax had a 46 spinal fractures, a 51 per cent lower risk of a hip fracture and a 44 per

cent reduction in wrist fractures. In addition the women lost height at half the rate of their contemporaries. As at least a third of European

women will develop a fracture after the menopause that can be attributed to osteoporosis, time may well show that Fosamax becomes a drug that is considered for use in all those cases for those women who are unable to have HRT.

Trials are now under way to study its effect in men, so that in a few years the spectacle of the once athletic rowing giant who shrivels to the size of a jockey may pass into

> DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD





Water chiefs urge gardeners to buy plants of the Med

GARDENERS on the South Coast have been warned to concentrate on plants more suited to semi-arid Mediterrathrive in dry soil. nean climes.

More than 200,000 householders who from yesterday face an indefinite ban on the use of water sprinklers have been sent a booklet ominously illustrated by a giant cactus. It to taste better too." tells them they are in the Gardeners who once took middle of the worst drought in living memory and advises

them to concentrate on growing plants that flourish in dry conditions. While the area affected, which includes Brighton. Hove, Shoreham, Lewes, Worthing, Littlehampton and

Arundel, is not yet in danger of being turned into a dust bowl, there are already signs of dry, parched grass. Southern Water says the ban is necessary because the shortage of rain has made the situation far more critical even

than in the seemingly endless summer of 1976. The area was hoping for twice the average rainfall of 6.3in for March, April and May but only 2.6in fell from a grudging sky. In addition, some of the huge underground aquifers from which Sussex obtains its supplies were, at the beginning of the year, nearly 46ft below their

normal level. Gardeners have been told to change their ways because of the huge amounts of water their sprinklers can use while they enjoy an evening gin and tonic. In just one hour, a sprinkler, regarded in any event as an indiscriminate aid. can spray 300 gallons, as much as a family of four would expect to use in two

days.
To help gardeners to cope with the prospect of seeing by the television gardening expert Richard Jackson, says cheerfully that certain plants

It adds: "Don't forget that most herbs come from Mediterranean countries and positively flourish in hot, dry summers. What's more, in conditions like this, they tend

pride in the rich, lovingly prepared soil between flowers are advised to cover the gaps



Shape of 1996: booklet from Southern Water

by introducing ground-cover plants to shade the soil and prevent the loss of moisture. Once memorably described as the harassed gardener's secret weapon, they're the most cost-effective and certainly the prettiest way of filling any gaps between plants."

The hot southern sun, the booklet implies, sucks up moisture in much the same way as an alcoholic downs cans of extra-strength lager. Garderners are told that washing-up water and bathwater are precious commod-

ities that they can slosh with

confidence onto their lawns

and die, a free booklet, written and established plants. Waste water must not, however, be used on vegetables and plants

Other tips include the regular hocing of weed seedlings to prevent them from stealing water, setting up windbreaks to prevent loss of moisture. installing water butts and using organic matter as a mulch to keep soil moisture retentive and to prevent

evaporation.
The booklet lists a number

of plants worth planting that are likely to flourish in dry conditions. Suggestions for shrubs in dry sunny positions include the yucca, sage and lavender. Hardy perennials for dry shade include Alchemilla (lady's mantle) and Ajuga (bugles) while recom-mended hardy perennials for sunny spots include poppies Helianthemum (rock rose) and pinks. Useful groundcover plants include hardy garden geraniums. Lamium.

and periwinkles. Stuart Derwent, water services managing director, said: The restriction is necessary to safeguard supplies in the home. By preventing their use we hope to avoid more serious shortages later. We don't like these bans any more than the next person but we do have a legal duty to give priority to

Sedum, catmint, Pulmanaria

drinking water." Visitors to the area should not despair that the beautiful municipal gardens of Brighton and other resorts will be turned into cacti beds.

Local authorities use water that is not fit for human consumption, so while all around cacti may bloom and herbs thrive on dry soil, council-owned gardens, at least, will forever remain a traditional and verdant part of

Sooty goes hand in glove with Japanese for £1.4m

By Adrian Lee

JAPANESE investors have decided to bank on a bear market by spending £1.4 million to acquire the worldwide rights to Sooty. They hope to transform him into an international star.

The original glove puppet cost 36p when his first owner, Harry Corbett, bought him in a toy shop 44 years ago. His son Matthew has sold the rights after his own children said they had no intention of continuing the family tradition.

Fans of Sooty were assured yesterday that hopes of super-stardom will not go to his head. A spokesman for the new owners, the mer-chant bank Guinness Mahon, a subsidiary of the Bank of Yokohama, said: "We are not going to put Sooty in Raybans or anything like that." One important issue is

whether the puppet - who has previously spoken in inaudible whispers — should be given a voice.

The deal also involves

Sooty's friends Sweep the dog. Soo the panda, cousin Scampi, and Matthew Corbett, who will continue to work with the bear until 1998, advising his new owners. Sooty's future is likely to include a new television series, merchandising, cartoons and endorsements.

His new owners have already achieved rewards from investing in Thomas the Tank Engine. Simon Turner. of Guinness Mahon, said: The Japanese went crazy for Thomas.

"Sooty already has a very loyal following but has the potential to be developed much further. He has crossgenerational appeal. But he is a classic character and we are not going to change him



too much." American trends are towards traditional characters and away from fighting robots, Mr Turner said. The pupper already gener-

ates a revenue of £1 million a year, of which £300,000 is profit, Matthew Corbett became his puppetmaster in 1977 and had hoped to hand control to one of his own children. They had other aspirations. Ben, 24, is in a rock band; Tamsin, 22, hopes to become a teacher and Joe, plans a medical career.

Sooty to stand on his own two feet. The plan is to use my 50th

birthday in two years' time as a springboard to shoot Sooty to stardom. My wife Sally and I are delighted with the

· The deal consists of £1.1 million to buy the rights and £300,000 to market the character. Mr Corbett said he did not have the funds to develop the bear's potential himself, and Guinness Mahon had said Sooty would not be over-exploited. The

puppeteer said: "We are very anxious that he does not become a one-year wonder like the Ninja Turtles.

The choice was to sell Sooty or simply stop. I am thrilled because I was worried no one would want to buy him. In the end I had several choices.'

He had no regrets that his children would not take over. Sooty is so big, I would not wish him on any individual. My father would be proud as punch because I am doing with my life what I want to.



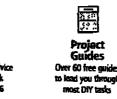
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Cuddly friends in peril from peers

THE lunchtime calm of the tumn. She was angry that House of Lords was ruffled requests to mark the centenayesterday when Labour peers launched an unprecedented attack on five defenceless creatures (James Landale writes).

Luminaries such as Baroness Castle of Blackburn, the former Cabinet Minister, and Lord Dubs paused from their regular scrutiny of Government and unleashed a torrent of political invective against Muffin the Mule, Sooty, Stingray, the Clangers and

Dangermouse. Lady Castle was protesting at the decision by the Royal Mail to celebrate 50 years of children's television by displaying the characters on a special stamp issue this aury of the death of William Morris, the Victorian poet, designer and socialist, with a similar stamp issue had been ignored.

Lady Castle demanded that Lord Fraser of Carmyllie, the Trade Minister, called the Royal Mail to account and reversed this "absurd" preference. "Do not you agree with me in deploring this philistine decision?" she asked.

Lord Fraser replied that he understood the choice was made to encourage children to become interested in stamp collecting. "That is entirely a commercial decision for the Post Office," he said.

Vegetarians have pick of the crop

BY ROBIN YOUNG

WEEKEND

Week, and Asda is among the stores distributing easy-to-follow vegetarian recipes. The Vegetarian Society has been handling thousands of inquiries every day since the BSE alert began, and the vegetarian market is now worth well over £400 million a year. All the supermarkets are promoting alternatives to meat, such Quorn

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Co-op: grated low fat cheese £1.29 for 250g, fresh turkey breast steaks £3.29 for four. fresh whole medium chicken £3.79, grapefruit juice 95p ltr. Harrods: prawn delice £2.95 each, bean and mushroom salad 95p for 100g. Iceberg lettuces 49p each. Umbrian truffle cheese £31.95 kg. Iceland: southern fried chick-

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Let judges make punishment fit the crime, says Taylor

By Frances GIBB and RICHARD FORD

THE introduction of minimum sentencing proposed by the Government would subvert the function of the courts with grave consequences, the Lord Chief Justice said

yesterday.
Lord Taylor of Gosforth
the statistics on which Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, had based his proposals. "The shallow and untested figures in the White Paper do not describe fairly and clearly the problems the Government seeks to address — stili less do they justify the radical solutions it proposes," he told peers.

Lord Taylor, who is retiring because of ill-health, delivered his parting blow at a specially arranged debate in the Lords. He marked out the lines of battle between the Home Secretary and the judiciary, which now looks certain to be joined when Mr Howard in-

troduces a Bill this autumn. But the strength of the opposition raises doubts over whether the Government will get its proposals through before the general election. Peer after peer lined up to support Lord Taylor, who denied his assault was prompted by any personal animosity towards

the Home Secretary. The Government's White

Paper, Protecting the Public, puts forward minimum sentences of three years for thirdtime burglars and seven years for third-time drug dealers along the lines of the American-style "three strikes and you're out" model.

But Lord Taylor said it amounted to a "jettisoning" by ministers of their own promise in another White Paper six years ago. Then they rejected a system of minimum or mandatory life sentences for certain offences.

He attacked as a meaningless palliative the proposed "escape clause" introduced into the White Paper, which allowed judges to depart from the minimum sentences in genuinely exceptional cases". This would result in the "worst of both worlds".

What was an "exceptional case"? If judges construed it tightly, it would have little effect and become a dead letter. If they construed it broadly, they would be accused of "driving a coach and horses" through the provision and thwarting Parliament. "More fundamentally, the

proposal subverts the function of the court which is to sentence according to the justice of each individual case,

accommodated within a narrow exception and otherwise to take a sentence off the shelf." In an appeal to Mr Howard to think again, he said: "Judges need the ability to tailor the sentence to the offence - to make the punishment fit the crime."

Mr Howard and the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, who responded for the Government in the debate, defended the proposals. Mr Howard that the public need-ed more protection and that many persistent burglars felt that a short spell in prison was an "occupational hazard". They should be given "a stiff minimum sentence".

Lord Mackay said that the Government's case was a powerful one. The automatic life sentences were being brought for serious offences so that there would be some way of deciding when the offender was safe for release. At present they were let out automatically. But the proposal would ensure that the decision rested with the Parole Board, "We should not leave it to a judge at the time of sentence to decide, with no second thoughts, when it will be safe to release this sort of offender."

Lord Taylor accepted the

tiny minority of dangerous criminals could at present be released while still a danger to the public. But he said: "It is not possible to justify a wholesale changeover to a regime of mandatory sentences . . . simply by scaremongering about a very small number of offend-

dealt with in another way." Lord Carr of Hadley, a former Tory Home Secretary,

ers who could in any event be

think again. The proposals "overturn the principles and philosophies" of its own 1991 Criminal Justice Act, which were the policies not of another party but of a Tory government in which Mr Howard was a minister.

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"I really do not think, that the Government can, on such vital matter, go into reverse like that without explaining to Parliament and the public at large why were were so funda-

mentally wrong six years ago and why they are now so fundamentall right." Lord Donaldson

Lord Taylor speaking yesterday. He said the Government's proposals were based on dubious and flimsy evidence

Lymington, former Master of the Rolls, said Michael Howard had given a clear message to the public that judges were not to the trusted. That's what it amounts to. It is an unprecedented attitude for a government to take and it is deplorable as it

Lord Windlesham, a former Home Office minister and former chairman of the Parole Board, said that everyone

could share the objectives of the White Paper. But he added: "I am bound to say that the essentially punitive strategy it sets out, in my view, is misconceived and is likely to prove counter-productive if it were to be enacted."

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Lib Dems monitor Major's **EU ploy**

By Andrew Plerce

THE Liberal Democrats have set up a unit to monitor the effects of Britain's policy of non co-operation with Europe. A convention on insolvency proceedings, which speeds up payments to creditors of EU complanies that go bankrupt, will be the first target. British businesses are excluded from payouts because of the Government's refusal to sign up to

The Liberal Democrats will catalogue all cases shere British firms suffer. They will also analyse the effects of Britain's failure to sign up to any other European laws.

Charles Kennedy, the party's spokesman on Europe, said the unit would monitor the negative effects of John Major's "schoolyard sabre-rattling" until co-operation was restored. The insolvency convention, first mooted in 1966, had the support of organisations such as the Confederation of British Industry.

"The benefit from the convention to British companies trading abroad would have been immense," he said. "It will prevent financial disaste for companies in other EU companies trading with each other. I hope John Major will question the wisdom of his campaign the next time a British company is plunged into turmoil due to the unpaid credit of a foreign company."



By ALICE THOMSON, POLITICAL REPORTER

LABOUR activists have clashed with Tony Blair over "authoritarian leadership", which they believe is causing deep and irreversible splits in the party.

The disaffected supporters have formed a new opposition group and are prepared to cause havoc with new Labour unless Mr Blair returns to a more traditional, socialist, agenda. The group, Labour Reform, said: "Labour supporters outside Islington are feeling deeply miffed about the way things are going without their consultation."

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But yesterday Mr Blair made it clear there would be no compromising with party rebels. He insisted that a centralising policy was necessary for Labour to win the general election.

In an interview with the Evening Standard, he said: "People have been telling me ever since the change began in the Labour Party: You will never manage it, the party will fall apart, everyone will disagree'. It hasn't happened and it won't happen and nothing in recent days makes me think other than that."

Mr Blair denied that the party was beginning to fray round the edges. "Of course there will be those who resist change but people have resisted the changes that I have been making in the Labour Party over the past two years. In the end change will be driven by me, of course. But it will also be driven by the overwhelming view of the Labour Party that modernis-

ation is right. He warned the rebels that winning the election should be their first aim and added: "If we are elected, the Labour government will be an unhes-

itating new Labour government. That is without any doubt at all."

Labour Reform rejects the argument that they should not speak out for fear of jeopardising the party's elec-- tion prospects. More than 200 people have joined the group, mainly Labour councillors from London, Oxford, Birmingham, Stoke on Trent, Stafford, Sheffield and Salford. They will start writing to all councillors next week and will hold a meeting next month.

The group complains that small groups of right-wing Labour radicals are "constructing a populist, plebisci-tary model for the party in complete opposition to its

Andy Howell, a Birmingham councillor and chairman of Labour Reform, said that the party was in danger of losing touch with its roots. Many loyal supporters who had served the party for years were now refusing to take

part in fundraising. He said: "The Clause Four debate may be well and truly over, but there is still a serious dilemma over the future structure of the party. Mr Blair is almost single handedly fundamentally altering the character of Labour and he has totally lost touch with anyone

outside the Metropolis." Tim Pendry, the vice-chair-man, warned Mr Blair: "Our research, our membership, is telling us that we're representing a lot of people out there who're feeling very miffed with the way things are going. And they are deeply loyal to the party and to Mr Blair and he should bring us in to his world view. He should understand that, that loyalty, that love, is not unconditional."

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Spin-doctors 'are poisoning politics'

By Andrew Pierce, political correspondent

TONY BLAIR was warned by one of his former chief lieutenants yesterday that the turbu-lence in the Labour leadership had been caused by his own spin-doctors planting stories about Shadow Cabinet splits.

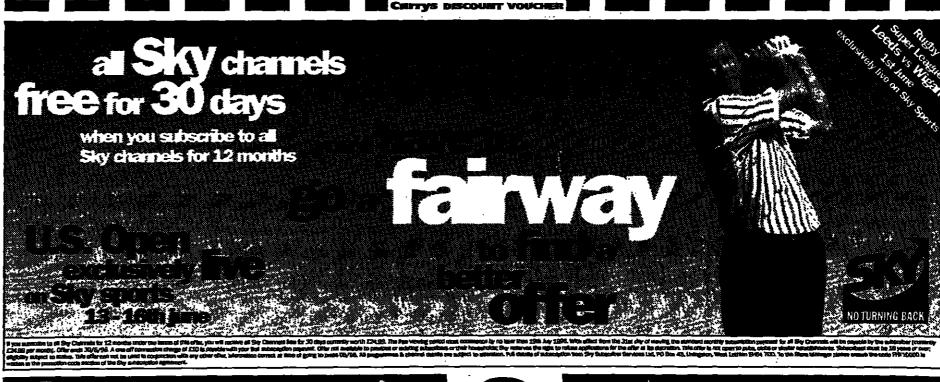
Joy Johnson, who used to be Labour's director of communications, launched a thinly disguised attack on Peter Mandelson, one of Mr Blair's most trusted confidents. Writing in New Statesman 8 Society, she said: "There are many causes for the decline in the esteem in which politicians are held but spin-doctors and their clients must take responsibility for obscuring the language of politics and for trivialising its content. They are slowly dripping poison into the body politic."

The article, the first since she left her Labour Party post in January, was seen at Westminster last night as her long-awaited revenge on Mr Mandelson, the MP for Hartlepool. Ms Johnson, a close ally of Gordon Brown, quit after being frozen out of key decisions by Mr Mandelson and Alastair Campbell, the leader's press secretary.

The Times revealed two

weeks ago that Mr Brown and Mr Mandelson had not been on personal speaking terms for 18 months and that Mr Blair was so concerned about the impact on his election strategy that he was trying to broker a reconciliation.

Ms Johnson, a former BBC political news editor, who has returned to broadcasting. wrote that spin-doctors were the "bastard offspring of this lobby system where the unattributable briefing becomes fact", and that they should be "brought to heel".





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Americans seize Chinese in arms smuggling 'sting'

FEDERAL agents arrested representatives of China's two main government arms companies in California yesterday after an 18-month "sting" operation and America's biggest seizure of smuggled automatic

Beginning on Wednesday night, nearly 100 federal agents fanned out across San Francisco to capture the Chinese dealers and their American associates and to charge them with smuggling into the United States 2,000 automatic AK47 rifles worth \$4 million (£2.65 million) on the black market Jamie Gorelick, the Deputy Attorney-General, calvery serious matter and seven men were due to appear in court last night.

The "sting" was led by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), which duped the Chinese into believing they were selling weapons to American gangs. The Chinese apparently were also offering anti-aircraft missiles and explosives. They promised "all the weapons you could ever imagine", one fed-

eral source said. The dealers worked for Poly Technologies and Norinco, two pillars of China's military-

ties to the country's political and military leadership. The president of Poly Technologies was for several years He Ping, son-in-law of China's supreme leader, Deng Xiaoping.

It was not clear immediately whether the dealers were acting with Peking's approval or freelancing for personal profit. but one source noted that they were "people in a position to deliver substantial arms and are not lower-level flunkies". Either way the arrests were bound to exacerbate Sino-American tensions and complicate further President Clinton's efforts to win congressional approval for continuing China's preferential trading status.

The two countries are on the brink of a trade war over Chinese piracy of American music, films and software, and on Wednesday the Administration said that it had protested vigorously against Chinese attempts to buy lethal Russian missile technology that would enable it to threaten American cities.

"It is hard to know if it is worse that they are trying to buy nuclear weapons technology or sell guns on American streets," an exasperated State Department official said. "Either way they do not make π Times got wind of it.

any easier for us to stabilise the relationship."

The "sting" began in 1994 Francisco set out to discover how gangs obtained their illegal weapons: they were told the answer was Chinese arms suppliers. That December an ATF agent posing as a Miami arms smuggler was said to have been introduced to one of the arrested dealers. Hammond Ku. Two months later Mr Ku produced five automatic weapons to prove he could machineguns, rocket launchers and other weapons.

In January and February this year, the ATF wired nearly \$270,000 via Hong Kong to a Peking account as a down-payment. On March 18, a Chinese vessel steamed into Oakland harbour, where it unloaded 112 wooden crates containing the AK47s. The ATF tipped off US Customs. which let the crates through. and a few days later paid the -balance.:

The ATF had intended to continue the operation in order to lure more senior Chinese officials to America. but brought it to a premature close when the Los Angeles Times and The New York



A Type 42 destroyer, HMS Glasgow, sails past the Statue of Liberty and up the Hudson River yesterday for the start of New York's Fleet Week. Among Royal Navy ships accompanying her were the aircraft carrier HMS Illustrious and the frigate HMS Cumberland. British Harrier jump jets will give a public display tomorrow. Some crew members had different interests: "Women, pubs and clubs," said one

Netanyahu vows to send troops into West Bank

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

BINYAMIN NETANYAHU, right-wing challenger for the post of Israeli Prime Minister in Wednesday's election, made clear yesterday that if elected he would order Israeli security forces to re-enter Arab-run areas of the West Bank and Gaza Strip now policed

by armed Palestinian police.
The hardline pledge came in interviews with the Likud leader and the incumbent Labour Prime Minister. Shimon Peres, published to mark the Jewish holiday of Shavuot. It has

raised fresh fears that a Likud victory could spark fighting between Israeli troops and the Palestinian police, many of whom have pledged to resist attempts by the Israeli Army to return to autonomous areas evacuated under terms of the 1993 peace accord.

"All hell will break loose. It means the end of the peace process as we know it," Shlomo Avineri, a respected former director-general of the Foreign Ministry, said when asked what a Netanyahu victory would bring. Questioned by the mass-circulation

Yediot Ahronot how he would live up to his campaign promise to improve

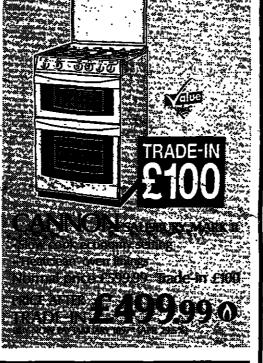
the security of Israelis, whose lives have been shattered by a series of Islamic suicide bombs, Mr Netanyahu said: "Perhaps we do not have an absolute answer, perhaps we do not have the ability to seal hermetically the entrance of an individual terrorist, but we have the power to change the reality in which we live. Terror has succeeded in the last four years because the Government has provided it city sanctuaries, with the help of the

Palestinian Authority." The paper then asked: "Will you go into Nablus [the largest Palestinian-controlled city in the West Bank] and the Gaza Strip?" Mr Netanyahu, whose Cabinet would include such noted hawks as former generals Ariel Sharon and Rafael Eitan, replied:

"Definitely."
In a contrasting interview, Mr Peres offered a different prospect to voters, at least 10 per cent of whom are still "undecided". Mr Peres said: "I have a doubt about whether a peace agreement can be reached with Syria without returning to them all of the Golan Heights. In any event, we have Golan Heights. In any event, we have always said that we are prepared to make territorial compromises on the







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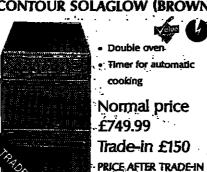
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"These little guys are worth \$700 (£460) apiece," said Gay

Balfour, a co-owner of the company Dog Gone and inventor of the special vacuum. Workers captured between dogs yesterday using the vacuum, which noisily pulls the

animals through a wide hose vacuum pulls up lighter aniyoung ones." said company co-owner Dave Honaker.

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Japanese cult sent 'disciples to test killer gas on town'

From Robert Whymant in tokyo and Our Foreign Staff

SHOKO ASAHARA, leader of the Aum Shinrikyo (Supreme Truth) cult. ordered disciples to mass produce deadly nerve gas and test its power in the streets of a town north of Tokyo in 1994, prosecutors alleged yesterday.

They said it was the start of a doomsday plot to wipe out untold numbers of innocent people. The prosecution described how obedient followers drove a lorry to the town of Matsumoto to release the sarin gas produced by scientists at the commune of the cult. The objective of the attack was to kill judges staying at a courthouse dormitory in the town, who were due to rule against the sect in a property lawsuit, as well as to

iest the power of the gas.
"The defendant planned an experiment to see the effect of sarin as a weapon of mass murder in densely populated urban centres," the prosecution told the Tokyo District Court. Seven people were killed and 144 injured in the experiment in June 1994. They were the unwitting guinea pigs in a rehearsal for the March 1995 attack on the Tokyo subway, in which 11 people died and more than 4,000 were injured.

Mr Asahara faces murder charges for the June 1994 eassine. Last month he made charges that he masterminded the Tokyo subway attack.

Yesterday the prosecutors also presented evidence that, at Mr Asahara's command, disciples built a sarin plant to produce 70 tonnes of the lethal Nazi-invented gas to wipe out the population of entire cities. They alleged that Mr Asahara also ordered the production of 1,000 automatic rifles and one million bullets in preparation for a bloody struggle to topple

the Japanese Government. They said Mr Asahara, 41, ordered the arms programme after he and his followers unsuccessfully ran in parliamentary elections in 1990. After the election humiliation, he decided the public should be subjected to his wrath.

Mr Asahara listened to the charges without a flicker of emotion. He again rebuffed requests to enter a plea, as he had done when the trial opened last month, "I have nothing to say," he defiantly told the panel of judges that is hearing the case. Japan does not have jury trials.

Later he appeared to doze off as prosecutors read from a long statement detailing their case. One of his lawyers poked him from behind to rouse him.

The trial is expected to take years to conclude and. if convicted on murder charges, the nearly blind religious leadhis initial court appearance on er could go to the gallows.

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Besides the two sets of murder charges, he faces 15 others ranging from ordering the execution of rebellious followers to illegal drug and weap-ons manufacturing.

Public interest in the trial, while waning somewhat, re-mained high. About 3,000 people lined up for a lottery for about 50 public seats. In the courtroom yesterday

was Yoshiyuki Kono, 46, a resident of Matsumoto who had been falsely accused of the 1994 gassing. The prosecutors described how Mr Kono and his wife were watching television when his wife suddenly complained of feeling ill. On hearing a strange noise out-side, he went out and found his two dogs in spasms and foaming at the mouth. When Mr Kono ran back indoors, his wife had collapsed. She is still in hospital, unable to move or speak.

Until his arrest, the revered Mr Asahara predicted that the world would come to an end next year, and only Aum Shinrikyo followers would escape annihilation.

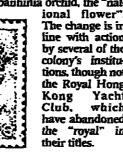
Virtually all of the cult's top members — including Mr Asahara's wife — have been arrested for alleged crimes ranging from misdemeanours to helping to carry out the Tokyo subway murders. Mr Asahara's next court

appearance is set for June 20.

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stamps, above, in preparation for the colony's return to China next year were published yesterday sky writes). Based on agree ment between Britain and China. the set replaces the present stamos with the Queen's head, right, and

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ional flower". by several of the colony's institutions, though not the Royal Hong Yachi which have ahandoned

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Navy task force will evacuate last of Hong Kong garrison

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

THREE warships from a Royal Navy task force due to deploy on a six-month tour of Australia and the Far East next year have been earmarked to divert to Hong Kong to evacuate the last elements of the British garrison before the handover to

A Ministry of Defence statement yesterday, which was cleared with the Chinese Govemment before it was released, said the ships would be "available" for the withdrawal from Hong Kong on the transfer of sovereignty in June

Although the ministry has not yet decided which ships will be involved, it is expected that a destroyer or frigate with advanced communications equipment will command the evacuation programme, assisted by a landing ship — such as the Royal Fleet Auxiliary vessels Sir Lancelot or Sir Tristrum - and a second support frigate. The withdrawal programme and the handover ceremony are still being discussed with the Chinese Government. There is still no decision yet on whether the Royal Yacht Britannia will be sent on a last voyage before being decommissioned to ferry home Chris Patten, the

Governor of Hong Kong. Yesterday's statement from Nicholas Soames, the Armed Forces Minister, was the first time that the Government has disclosed any element of the planned withdrawal pro-gramme. Ministry of Defence sources said it was such a sensitive subject that even the general statement about war-

ships being sent to Hong Kong had to be discussed with The garrison on the British colony consists of about 1,400 army personnel. The resident battalion, the 1st Battalion Royal Gurkha Rifles, is due to be replaced by the 1st Battalion Staffordshire Regiment in November. The last regiment

however, will be the Black Watch, which will be sent to Hong Kong in February. Other units still serving in

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the colony at the handover period will be the Queen's Gurkha Transport Squadron and 6/7 Gurkha Field Squadron Royal Engineers, a total of about 400 men. The Black Watch Regiment of 650 men and the two other units will be taken off the island on to the landing ship to be returned to

Army sources said the Black Watch soldiers would go unaccompanied by their families to make the withdrawal easier to

The three warships delegated to carry out the Hong Kong withdrawal will be part of Ocean Wave 97, codename for the deployment of a naval task force, led by the aircraft carrier. HMS Illustrious. The dozen ships involved will leave in January and will not return until August.



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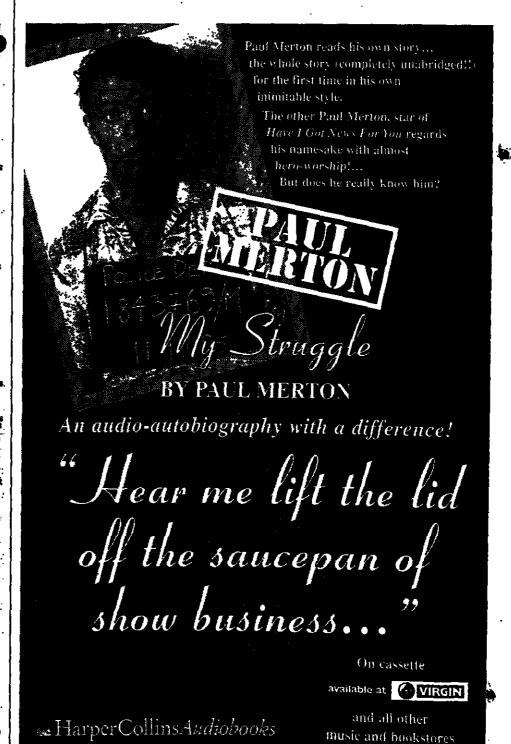
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Cyprus role for envoy

London: Sir David Hannay. Britain's former permanent representative to the United Nations, has been appointed a special representative for Cyprus (Michael Binyon writes), Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, in making the announcement, said the status quo on the island, divided between Greek and Turkish communities, was inherently unstable and a concerted

French strike hits Eurostar

peace effort was needed.

Paris: The Eurostar train service between Paris and London was disrupted by striking rail workers demanding a shorter working week (Ben Macintyre writes). Several Eurostar trains were blocked from entering the Gare du Nord as rail workers occupied the lines, forcing passengers to make the final leg of the journey by Metro.

Saudis reject retaliation

London: Saudi Arabia has agreed to put to one side its anger with Britain over Muhammad al-Masari, the dissident physicist (Michael Binyon writes). Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, said the Government had received assurances that the Riyadh regime would not discriminate against British firms.

Help sent to French troops

Paris: France has flown armoured vehicles and other heavy equipment on board chartered cargo planes to back up its troops fighting an anti-government rebellion in the Central African Republic, military sources said. An estimated 2,500 French people live in the former colony. (Reuter)

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Cuba traders face US ban

Miami: Washington is warning executives of for-eign firms trading with Cuba that they could soon lose the right to enter the US as the Cuban Liberty Act. passed in March, is enforced (David Adams writes). Benetton, the Italian clothing company, is on the blacklist.

Indian guns force Kashmir voters to the ballot box

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN BARAMULA

THE Kashmir Valley's first elections in seven years yesterday undermined India's promise of a free and fair poll. People were forced out of their homes by soldiers and ordered to vote, producing an artificially high turnout. Most polls in Kashmir have been manip-ulated; this was no different. Voters told the same story

from polling station to polling station where long queues formed, watched by large numbers of soldiers or paramilitary forces. Villagers said they were forced out of their homes at gunpoint and warned by troops that they were expected to vote. People went to polling stations to obtain an indelible inkmark on their finger so they could prove they had done so. India was determined to

achieve a substantial voter turnout as proof that Kashmiri Muslims wished to remain Indian, but instead it has raised tensions in the valley with another farcical election. Voters had a choice only of pro-India parties and were thus not cajoled into voting in any particular way; the 30 parties in the valley supporting secession from India boycotted the poll.

Most of the valley was shut down, save for the polling process, because of a strike ordered by militants demonstrating their continuing hold over the population despite losing much of their support because of involvement in rapes and extortion. There is little militant activity any more inside Kashmir because

of intense security operations. Baramula and Anantnag voted yesterday: Srinagar, capital of the valley, votes next week. The official turnout in Baramula was last night put at 35 per cent and in Ananthag at 43 per cent. In parliamentary polls in 1989 the figures were around 5 per cent, a measure of how great the forced voting was this time.

The seats are unimportant in the struggle to form a government in Delhi after an inconclusive general election. but they are a crucial test of popular opinion in a region that has caused two wars between India and Pakistan. The blatant harassment of voters will play into Pakistan's hands: it is a propaganda disaster for India.

In the town of Baramula about 1,000 people took to the streets chanting anti-election and anti-India slogans, a rare mass protest in a region saturated with security forces.

Kashmiris complain of being trapped between two sets of guns: those of the security forces and those of the militants. The former ordered them to vote, the latter said they should not do so. Posters

week warning that anybody who voted would suffer dire ounishment. It was signed Aighan Commandos, a small militant organisation.

Many people who refused to vote said they feared visits from security forces today to check if they had an inkmark on their fingers. "If they don't find the mark, we will be beaten. They will be very angry. This election is a farce," a local doctor said.

"Nobody wants to vote because that would legitimise India's occupation of Kashmir. Every man, woman and child is crying for azadi [freedom. We want our independence back," he said.

It is unofficially estimated that India has 350,000 security forces in Kashmir, including those guarding the 1949 cease-fire line which divides the former kingdom between India and Pakistan. Officially another 50,000 were drafted in for the election; the real figure is probably double that.

The militant movement in Kashmir is in chaos because of the introduction of officially sponsored counter-insurgency groups that have gone on a killing spree to wipe out activists from separatist organisations. Most of the killing now is Kashmiri against Kashmiri; the armed forces are able to take a back seat.



President Clinton and Helmut Kohl shake hands before their meeting at Milwaukee City Hall yesterday

Clinton and Kohl send summit signal

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER

PRESIDENT Clinton and Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, yesterday openly endorsed President Yeltsin in his tough battle for re-election against the Commu-

nist Gennadi Zyuganov on June 19. Casting diplomatic niceties aside. Herr Kohl said he supported those that pursued reform and wanted to open Russia up and continued: "I do hope the

was only marginally more restrained, saying he believed Mr Yeltsin and other reformers represented the future and "we hope the Russian people will vote for the future". But it was far from clear that their highly unusual intervention in Russian affairs would actually help Mr Yeltsin. It could assist Mr Zyuganov by fuelling Russian nationalist sentiment. The two men agreed during their meeting in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. to

adhere to the December deadline for

They also discussed strong European objections to US plans to impose sanctions on foreign companies doing business with Iran and Libya. Mr Clinton and Herr Kohl were speaking at a joint press conference during what was quickly dubbed the "sausage summit". After the conference, the two were going to what promised to be a formidable lunch.

peacekeeping force from Bosnia, whether

or not that country had achieved stability.

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Clinton pledges to ban gay marriages

By MARTIN FLETCHER

PRESIDENT CLINTON has enraged America's homosexuals, among his strongest supporters in 1992, by saying that he intends to sign a Republican Bill outlawing same-sex "marriages".

"This is capitulation to religious-political extremists," the Human Rights Campaign America's main homosexual pressure group, said. The group withdrew an invitation to George Stephanopoulos, a White House adviser, to address a San Francisco dinner.

The Defence of Marriage Act, co-sponsored by Bob Dole, was "a ploy by the floundering Dole-for-President campaign to drive a wedge between the gay community and President Clinton", the protesters said, "and it is very disappointing that he has felt the need to take the politically expedient way out."

David Mixner, a California fundraiser and one of Mr Clinton's most prominent

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homosexual supporters, called the President's decision "nauseating and appalling . . . an act of political cowardice". The White House said that Mr Clinton's decision was

based on personal conviction. but it was undoubtedly influenced by the public roasting he suffered for his early attempt to lift the ban on homosexuals in the military. In recent months Mr Clinton has been presenting himself as a champion of centrist, mainstream values and he was not going to let his Republican foes put him "back in his liberal box" by vetoing this Bill.

Mr Člinton won an estimated six million homosexual votes in 1992, nearly 15 per cent of his total. The gay vote is particularly important in the key electoral state of California, but the White House appears to have calculated that homosexuals have nowhere else to go.

present President will win." Mr Clinton withdrawing the US-led international

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Agent 'was filmed passing secrets to British diplomats'

By Richard Beeston in moscow and Michael Binyon, diplomatic editor

A RUSSIAN diplomat ac- the tape was shown to the cused of spying for Britain was reportedly caught redhanded by Russian counterintelligence officers using high-tech communications equipment to pass secrets to British diplomats in Moscow.

In an account of the latest spying row between Russia and Britain, the weekly newspaper Argumenty i Fakty reported an extraordinary tale of espionage straight from the pages of an Ian Fleming novel.

Citing sources at the Federal Security Service (FSB), the newspaper claimed that the middle-ranking Russian dip-lomat, who is being held at the maximum-security Lefortovo prison in Moscow, is the son of a Russian ambassador serv-

ing in a European capital.

The spy was apparently equipped with a small shortwave radio transmitting device. This enabled him to broadcast coded messages to a nearby British contact who had a receiver which recorded the information. The Russians apparently monitored the spy and videotaped him in action.

Although it is customary for one intelligence officer to control a spy, the Russians claimed that nine members of the British Embassy were used on different occasions to retrieve information broadcast by the agent. The accused spy was arrested in April and

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and to Sir Andrew Wood, the British Ambassador. The move triggered a two-week row which led to the tit-for-tat expulsions of four diplomats in each capital last week.

The newspaper said that three of the British diplomats had already returned home and a fourth would follow shortly. The other five diplo-mats allegedly involved with the spy are due to complete their tours of duty within the next three months.

The Foreign Office has maintained that the Russian action was unjustified and that no evidence had been produced proving British involvement. However, Argu-



Lang: hopes to boost trade with Russia

menty i Fakty said the reason the authorities were not willing to release more information about the affair was the embarrassment for the Russian Foreign Ministry.

The reason for concealing the name of the British spy is clear now," the paper said.
"We managed to find out that his father is an ambassador in a European country and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs would like to have him back in Moscow before the scandal

Despite the row, Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, is to lead a delegation of senior executives from top British companies operating in Russia on a two-week trade visit to Moscow and St Petersburg starting next week. Members of the delegation will meet Russian ministers and representatives of British and Russian companies.

Mr Lang's visit will be the first at his level for four years. He will chair a meeting which will look at ways of boosting trade and investment, and will sign co-operation agreements the nuclear and science

Mr Lang's visit confirms Britain's interest in putting the spy row to one side. He said Russia was well on the way to becoming a market economy and British business had



Suzan Schlegelmich receives the Légion d'honneur from General Hugues Geoffrey at her home outside Paris and, right, during the war in North Africa

France fêtes wartime heroine from Britain

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

A BRITISH woman who oined the French Foreign Legion in 1940 and played a key role in one of the most important battles of the Sec-ond World War has been awarded the coveted Légion d'honneur.

Suzan Schlegelmich (née Fravers), now 86, was presented with the award at her home outside Paris this week by General Hugues Geoffrey, her former comrade in arms, who applauded her bravery.

In May 1942, Suzan Travers was just 33 when she found and weak from thirst, the

herself at Bir Hakeim in the Libyan desert, the sole woman among 5,000 French troops besieged by Rommel's Afrika Korps and the Italian Army. A few months earlier she had been made the driver for General Marie Pierre Koenig, the charismatic leader of the Free French forces, who had given orders to his men to make a stand at Bir Hakeim to impede the German advance and give the British time to

Outnumbered, out-gunned

French clung on for two weeks under intense bombardment until June 10, when the order was given to retreat.

Miss Travers, as she is still affectionately known, was at the wheel when General Koenig's vehicle led the rag-ged French column to safety through a minefield and en-

"It was very exciting," she said yesterday as she recalled the battle from her home in Savigny-sur-Orge, near Paris. Born in Folkestone, the

daughter of an officer in the Royal Navy, Miss Travers was in France when war broke out. She signed up with the 13th demi-brigade of the French Foreign Legion and was promptly dispatched to Africa. When General Koenig's driver was killed in action, she was drafted in as a replacement.

As the Germans and Italians advanced on Bir Hakeim.

the general's female chauffeur

was sent to a camp away from the front line. No sooner had she rejoined the main French force after reports that the attack was over, than the enemy barrage resumed. "We were surrounded, this time for good. The bombardment went on and on. It was rather

alarming," she said. With us she was better guarded by the legionnaires than a young girl in a convent," General Geoffrey said after the award ceremony this

On the moonless night of

June 10, the French forces broke out. Three Bren carriers went first, then me, driving the general's car, but they led us into the minefield by mistake. The carriers blew up," Mme Schlegelmich said. "Then we found the right way. We could see the tracer fire ahead and the general said, 'Drive as fast as you can' through the cross-fire. Some

recalled. The Ford driven by Miss Travers was peppered with bullet holes, but both General Koenig and his chauffeur successfully made it through and the surviving French forces rejoined the British Eighth Army.

Bir Hakeim is celebrated in France as a legendary display of the Foreign Legion's tenacity. The battle sapped German strength and paved the way for the Allied victory at El

Miss Travers became Mme Schlegelmich when she married a fellow Foreign Legion-naire after the war. She left the army in 1947 to bring up two children in France. A fellow soldier recalled the slight Englishwoman's sang-froid under fire and remarked: "Suzan, c'est un vrai mec" which perhaps best translates as "Suzan was one of the lads," the highest compliment a grizzled French legionnaire can



were hit, some were not," she

FROM PETER CAPELLA IN GENEVA

due to smoking is greater than previously estimated, according to the World Health Organisation. The number of smoking-related deaths is ex- the Aids virus, yet that is China tops the list with 1,600 pected to triple in the next 30 exactly the problem that we years from its level of about three million a year.

In the first worldwide study of tobacco use and its health effects, released yesterday, the WHO says that about half the regular smokers who started their habit in adolescence will die prematurely, about a quarter of them in middle age. It estimates that 42 per cent of cancer deaths among men, and 10 per cent among

women in wealthy countries,

are due to smoking. "Nobody is standing on street corners selling handy shirt-pocket-sized packages of tobacco industry," said Nigel

Collishaw, one of the authors. The WHO said it was concerned about booming tobacco sales in developing countries, and the growing number of women who have taken to smoking. There are fewer smokers in wealthy countries but, at more than one packet a day, they tend to smoke more than their coun-

terparts in poorer nations. Britain ranks thirteenth in the world for overall cigarette consumption, with 89 billion cigarettes smoked every year.

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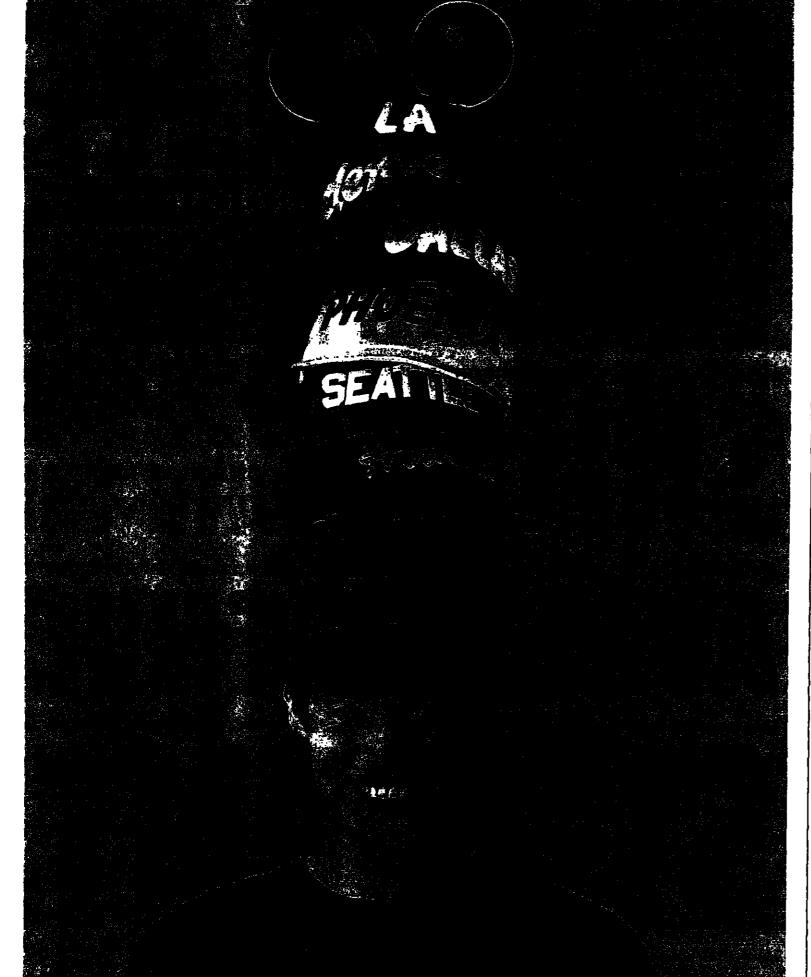
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smoking in more developed countries, Mr Collishaw said they would never be able to match the financial resources of tobacco companies.

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Russia's hard-hitting liberal champion gambles on Yeltsin's need for support in presidential poll

Yavlinsky fights to keep reform on track

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

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GRIGORI YAVLINSKY held up his two tists and brought them together with a crunch. That is what Russian politics is like," the former middleeight boxer and presidential hopeful said. No subtleties. no compromise, just a head-on clash between two sides: win-

ner take all." As the last legitimate democratic leader in Russia, trailing behind President Yeltsin

and Gennadi Zyuganov, his Communist challenger, Mr Yavlinsky is able to laugh at the thought that his presidential hopes lie some where between the interlocking

knuckles of his

fists. Five years after democratic fever swept Russia, Mr Yavlinsky and his dwindling band of free marketeers, intellectuals and human rights activists are fighting a rearguard action to

keep the spirit of reform alive. Russia is moving towards an oligarchy, where monopolies control the economy, the state is criminalised and corrupt, and the real reformers have been driven out of government," said the Ukrainianborn economist, head of the liberal Yabloko party, refer-

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Yeltsin's administration. "My job is to steer the country back

Despite the gloomy predictions of the pundits and the sense of defeat among democrats, there is no sign of worry on Mr Yavlinsky's boyish features and even a flicker of confidence that the story of

Russia's path to democracy may yet have a happy ending. His optimism may be rooted partly in his upbringing. secondary school dropout from the western Ukrainian city of Lvov,

he became one of the most influential economists in the country, serving Mikhail Gorbachev and President Yeltsin before launching his own political career three years ago.

Last week the liberal leader took one of his biggest gam-bles when he presented President Yeltsin with a letter containing a list of demands intended to force the Kremlin back onto the road to reform.

The document called for the dismissal of key Cabinet members, including Viktor Cher-nomyrdin, the Prime Min-



Yavlinsky hopes his letter may deflect President Yeltsin from considering a compromise with the Communists

ister, and General Pavel Grachev, the Defence Minister. It demanded that the war in Chechenia be halted through peace talks. And it set out basic reforms needed to liberalise, the economy and help small businesses.

'I was concerned by the very real danger that Yeltsin may consider some sort of compromise with the Communists, Mr Yavlinsky said. "I felt I had a duty to present to him the minimum requirements of the democratic side."

Although there is no chance of President Yeltsin agreeing to the demands by tomorrow's deadline, the Kremlin leader was careful not to reject the

publication, he announced that he was considering a shake-up in his Government, that Mr Yavlinsky's policies could be incorporated in his platform, and that the war in Chechenia had to be resolved peacefully. Although the two men will

not commit themselves at this stage, it is clear that they are playing out the opening steps an elaborate courtship which may blossom later into happy union. If, as is thought likely, no candidate wins 50 per cent of the votes in the first round of the presidential elections on June 16, the two leading candidates will go

into a run-off poll. At that point, Mr Yavlinsky

will be in a strong position to offer his public backing to President Yeltsin, and the support of his millions of voters, who are now estimated to form about 10 per cent of the

If the Russian leader accepts the demands set out in last week's letter, he could have a charismatic, youthful and popular running mate to help him to complete the final stretch of the race.

As for Mr Yavlinsky, although coy about admitting it, he is positioning himself to become Russia's next Prime Minister and the country's President-in-waiting.

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Minister dies in flat fight

Moscow: Anatoli Stepanov, the Russian Deputy Justice Minister, was killed in his flat yesterday after a fight with an acquaintance, police said. Tass said Mr Stepanov, 55, married with two children, died from head injuries after he was hit with a blunt object. It quoted police as saying that he had gone home on Wednesday with an ac-quaintance and the pair had had a fight. The identity of the acquaintance and his relationship to Mr Stepanov was not released. (AFP)

Sharp wit helps to win points for democracy

n economist by training and a democrat by conviction, Grigori Yavlinsky, the liberal presidential hopeful, represents the last hope for Russia's be-sieged reform movement.

Currently running third in opinion polls behind President Yeltsin and Gennadi Zyuganov, the Communist Party leader, Mr Yavlinsky is admired for his sharp mind. quick wit and his campaigning skills, which appeal as much to intellectuals as working-class Russians.

In addition, he has been hailed by human rights activists for his strong and consistent denunciation of the war in Chechenia. However, he is also mistrusted by democrats who blame his driving ambition and arrogance for thwarting attempts at unifying the divided liberal camp.

Mr Yavlinsky, 44, first came to prominence at the height of Mikhaii Gorbachev's era as leader, when he co-authored a bold plan to transform the country's crippled economy from Communist control to Western-style free market in under two years. The document, known as the "500-Day Plan", was at first accepted by the Kremlin, but later watered down by Mr Gorbachev, who considered it too fast and too

Mr Yavlinsky has claimed ever since that the failure to commit the former Soviet Union to radical reform led to the coup of 1991, Mr Gorbachev's removal from power and the confused approach to market reform undertaken by

Although critics contend

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that Mr Yavlinsky is long on talk and advice but has no proven track record in office. he counters that his blueprint for reform was tried out and succeeded in the booming Volga city of Nizhny

Novgorod. Mr Yavlinsky's position as the last champion of democratic principles in Russian politics and his popularity in the West, where he is regularly praised by newspapers and politicians, belie his humble

He dropped out of school as a teenager in Lvov and began work as an electrician in a local factory, where he also made a name for himself as the regional middleweight boxing champion.

e came to Moscow in 1973 after being **L** admitted to study economics at the respected Plekhanov Institute. From there his career took off, and by the mid-1980s he had served in a succession of key government posts where he advised on economic reform. In 1993 he formed the liberal Yabloko party and entered the Duma, the lower house of parliament, where today his faction is the fourth largest in the assembly. Mr Yavlinsky's achieve-

ments are all the more remarkable given that he is of Jewish parentage. Extremist Russian politicians have repeatedly attempted to use this fact against him by appealing to the deep-seated anti-Semitism existing in many parts of

Kremlin pins electoral hopes on talks with Chechen leader

By Thomas de Waal in grozny and Richard Beeston

PRESIDENT Yeltsin took the Organisation for Security and outstripping the main challfirst concrete step yesterday to end 17 months of fighting in said he was hosting face-toface talks with a Chechen separatist delegation led by Zelimkhan Yandarbiyev, the

new rebel leader. In a move that could greatly improve the Russian leader's electoral chances in next month's presidential polls, the Kremlin confirmed that Mr Yeltsin had guaranteed the safety of the Chechen delegation for the duration of the

talks in the next few days. The talks are meant to stop the fighting and reach a peaceful solution," said Tim Guldimann, the head of the

Co-operation in Europe's mis- enge from Gennadi Zyusion in Grozny. His team will ensure their safety.

Aslan Maskhadov, Chechen rebels' chief of staff, said the meeting would take place on Monday and that he was hopeful of a settlement to end the war. An estimated 40,000 people have died in the conflict so far. The latest initiative stands the best chance of success since the talks for the first time directly involve President Yeltsin.

A peace accord to end the fighting and bring Russian troops home would be a big electoral boost to his campaign, which appears to be

ganov, his Communist rival. leader has only been able to

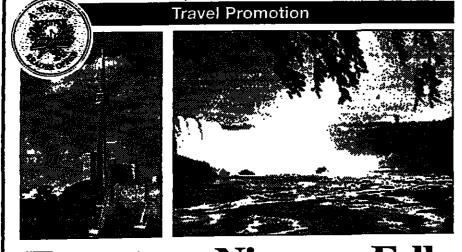
act after the death of Dzhokhar Dudayev, the former Chechen rebel leader. who was killed in an air raid. and yesterday's reported de-feat of the last Chechen guerrilla stronghold at Bamut. While the talks could lead

to a ceasefire and demilitarisation of the territory, the thornier issue of sovereignty could take a long time to resolve. The Chechens have demanded full independence, while Moscow has so far only offered autonomy within the Russian Federation.

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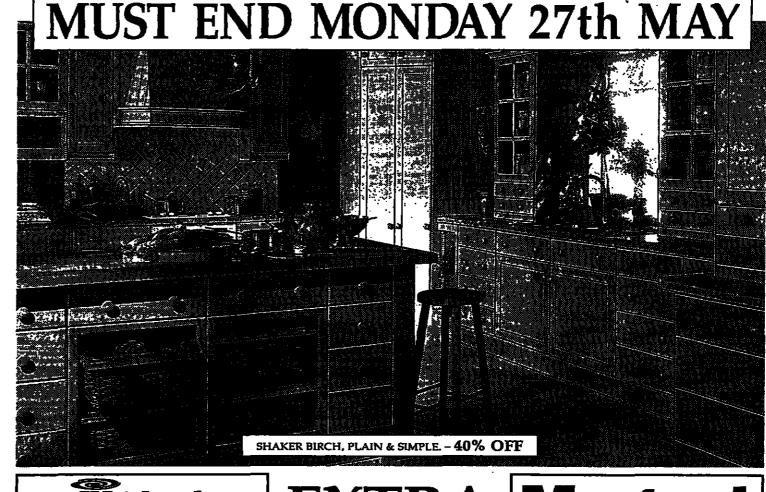
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Alice Thomas Ellis will be unhappy. The new Archbishop of Liverpool is a Catholic of the ecumenical school

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may weep into her metaphorical nun's scapular, but the new Archbishop of Liverpool offers no balm to her troubled soul, other than his air of sweet benevolence. When asked who she would like Liverpool's next archbishop to be, she wrote, "I respond

that a Catholic would be nice." The Catholic Bishop Patrick Kelly of Salford, on whom the Pope will place the pallium or woollen collar on June 29, is a smallish man of 57, jovial and approachable, who speaks in the accent of his native Lancashire. Our picture shows him in mitre and cope, but these are only for the picture. "The last time I wore this." he says, struggling with a Velcro fastening, "was for the visit of the Patriarch last winter."

He is a humble and unpretentious man, of simple tastes, few possessions and no pomp. By contrast, his salubrious tied cottage, the glorious Wardley Hall, which he occupies with a small staff and a dog named Ben, is a Tudor wooded parkland, its own chapel, Chippendale chairs, and oak panel-ling kept polished under the eye of a housekeener nun and a reverend steward. In a glass case on the staircase reposes the skull of Saint Ambrose Barlow, born Manchester 1585, canonised 1970, a Benedictine monk, arrested while celebrating Mass on Easter Sunday 1641 and condemned to be hanged, drawn and quartered, for popery.

Bishop Kelly is no martyr, but he does accede to his new job under a cloud of schism, thanks to Ms Thomas Ellis's savage indictment, in the Catholic Herald, of his predecessor the late Archbishop Derek Worlock, and her warning that Liverpool's Catholic congregation would continue to plummet if his successor were cut from the same cloth. Alas for her and her fellow traditionalists, Bishop Kelly a devout ecumenical, theologically in tune with his predecessor and with the reforming Second Vatican Council - and also very much a popular choice.

When he meets the Pope they converse in English and Italian: Bishop Kelly studied for nine years in Rome. His years at the Gregorian University ("intellectually stimulating and enormously nourishing") were the years of Pope John

lice Thomas Ellis, the Roman Catholic novelist. XXIII and Vatican II "which helps to explain who I am". So although the first Mass he ever celebrated was in Latin, he has implemented the guidelines of Vatican II all his working life.

He was a cradle Catholic. His father, a dentist, was from Donegal, his mother an Anglican from Morecambe. They married late: Patrick, born when his mother was 38, was the first of four. "Our grandmother went to Dublin only when her three sons qualified in medicine. She told them she was very proud of them, but would be even more proud if told they had been good to the

The boy Patrick found his vocation early, visiting the poor and the sick. During Lent in his A-level year, he attended Mass every morning at 6.45 before travelling 25 miles to school ... At just 17, he was in

"All our lectures, written work and examinations were in Latin. Latin was a

living language to me." He still winces if he hears musical settings of the Mass which suggest that the author did not know the Latin

Yet he does not regret the Latin Mass. "I do think it is good that when Roman Catholics from different countries come together they can sing parts of the Mass together - Gloria, Credo, Sanctus, Paternoster. A lingua franca in places like Lourdes gives the sense of unity and diversity. But to say that everybody used to join in the Latin Mass is a false memory." He concedes that on a pilgrimage

to Walsingham, a Latin Mass "works wonderfully". But I cannot imagine what it sounds like to those for whom Latin is not a living

Perhaps it has value as something mysterious?
"Yes, but one must locate the

mystery in the right place. Throughout the New Testament, whenever the word mystery occurs it means the revelation of God's plan, not hiding it."

in Birmingham in 1966 he spent 18 years introducing young men to study of liturgy. But if you are preparing others for ordination you can never run away from the questions: What is the Church? What must the Church be?

"The Times calls me 'a conservative liberal'. But that is what Catholic means, in its deepest

On the eve of this week's an-nouncement of his appointment by the Papal Nuncio, the bishop was at Opera North's Marriage of Figaro in Manchester. His constit-

> chester, but the Ecclesiastical Titles Act obliges the Catholic Bishop to be titled Salford: "When my predecessor met Prince Philip, he explained that Manchester and Salford were like Budapest: two cities divided by a river. The next time he met the greeted with, 'Ah!

the Bishop

uency is Man-

Budapest'. While his cathedral at Salford is a traditional Victorian ecclesiastical building, his new base will be the Metropolitan Cathedral which, as the Liverpool-born Ms Thomas Ellis writes, leaves her "baffled as to how a religion which had inspired the building of Chartres could also have led to the committing of Liverpool Cathedral".

De gustibus non disputandum," replies the bishop equably, explaining that the 1960s cathedral had to be built speedily, in a design that would not be comparable with the Anglican Cathedral "in a city where there could be division". Alice may prefer the whiff of

incense, an air of hushed sanctity, but the bishop declares that profound reverence is possible anywhere, "even in modern buildings, or places that are little more than temporary huts."

He will not accept that there is widespread anti-ecumenical feeling among Catholics. As a young curate in Lancaster, he was in-

think it's important to tell young people of precious moments like that. This was a complex journey. and here was a clear sign that it was right to take it. I never had any doubt, myself - haif my relatives were Anglicans." He shows me a congratulatory fax from Rome, encouraging him to continue over-coming the entrenched sectarian-ism of the past.

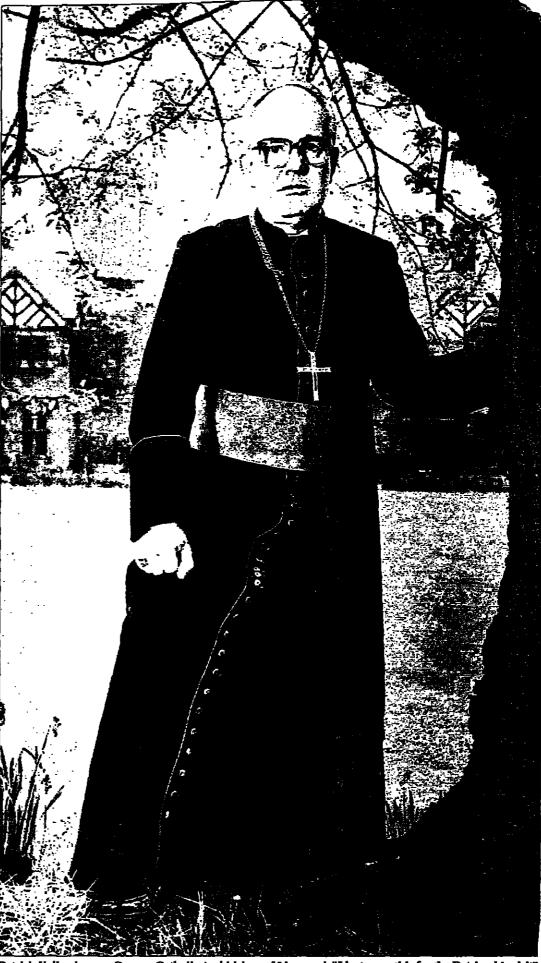
What about the dwindling Liver-pool congregations, which Ms Thomas Ellis ascribes to the laxity, confusion, compromise and heresy of the modern Church? "Falling attendance has been on the agenda at every meeting of priests in this diocese for years. It is not an experience reserved for Liverpool. But nobody has produced a magic wand to solve it, nor any clarity

about what the causes are. "Two Sundays ago we had a celebration at Salford for handicapped children, and the Cathedral was heaving with young. And there will be several hundred young people on our pilgrimage to

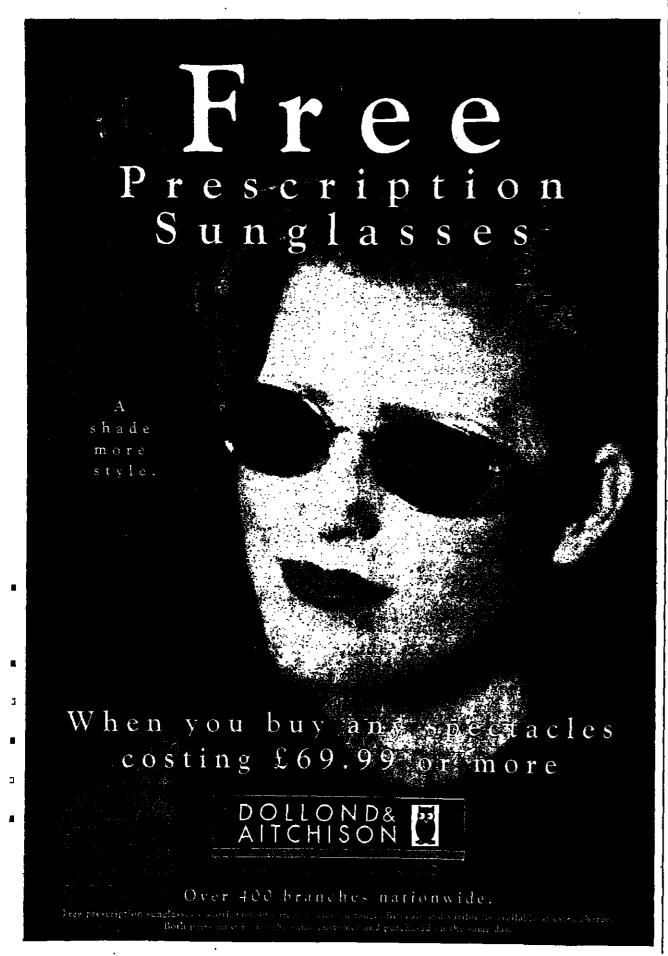
Lourdes. Praying, singing."

Ultimately, he points out, a bishop must distinguish between what is essential, eternal and important to faith, and what is of only temporary concern. "All parents go through the sentiment, 'I didn't do this when I was a child'. Does that mean my children should not do it? A bishop has to ensure there is a perspective, to have antennae twitching, and to remember they were saying the same thing 1,000 years ago.

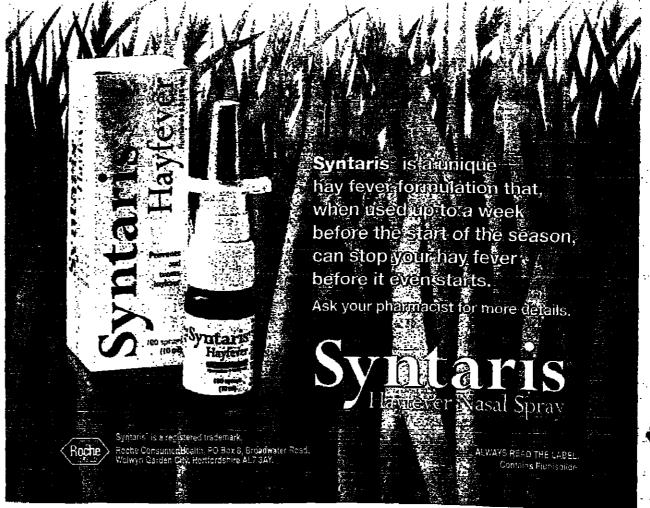
find that whenever I am alerted to serious contemporary issues," he says. "I come back to what Cardinal Hume says: 'If I say things must change, it means I must change." Each one of us must review seriously and constantly our attentiveness to living out the word of the Lord. I don't think our problems are going to be solved by strategy." He quotes a passage written by one of his mentors in Rome, Father Bernard Lonergan, SJ: a searching analysis of decline in society (egoism being the source of decline; selfsacrificing love the means of redemption) including the phrase "a civilisation in decline digs its own grave with relentless consisvolved in the first joint ecumenical service in the city. "My memory is Thomas Ellis might concur.



Patrick Kelly, the new Roman Catholic Archbishop of Liverpool: "I last wore this for the Patriarch's visit"







What comes first...home or the office?

Kathryn Knight on how we separate work and family life

ost of us make from the office, sneakily using work time to pay bills and book holidays. At home, we spend evenings griping about work while filling in our

work-related planners. The boundaries between our private and working lives have become increasingly blurred, despite our best attempts to keep the two apart. What we don't realise is that the way we dress, our wallets, hunchboxes, even the way we say "hello" reveal much about our priorities

Do you keep your work and home keys on the same chain? Do you list your friends and work contacts in the same Filofax? According to the American



Reassuring: calls home

sociologist Christena Nippert-Eng, such seemingly inconsequential desurprisingly

In Home and Work, Negotiating Boundaries through Everyday Life, she are revealed through the minutiae of our daily lives. According to her, people are either "integrators" or 'segmentists", one type scattering their desks with family photos, the other having separate wardrobes

The idea of boundaries first struck Ms Nippert-Eng when she was commuting to a university course seven years ago. "On the train were all these people performing an amazing, orchestrated dance at exactly the same time each day," she says. Someone would get on, throw their briefcase in the rack, fold their trenchcoat seven times and start chewing the top of their polystyrene coffee cup. That was how they signified their entry into the working day." At around the same time, she first visited the house of her future parentsin-law. Having grown up in a house full of the paraphernalia of teachers. cluttered with books, papers and images of work, she was unprepared for the work-free environment of

her in-laws' home. "It was impossible to tell what they did for a living nothing from their work life crossed over into the home," she says.

Our insecure nature means we need to construct boundaries, but we find it hard to control them. Most people, says Ms Nippert-Eng, become very tense if they are not allowed their routine, but rarely examine

their own habits to see why

they need them. A flatmate of mine, a real segmentist, refuses to take a personal phone call at home until she has changed from her office clothes into her "leisure wear". Only then does she allow her evening to begin. Changing outfits is her way of forcing herself into an out-of-work mode," explains Ms Nippert-Eng.

Most people she inter-viewed said their dress affected the way they viewed themselves. Grey suit and flat heels with a carefully made-up face was their office persona. Jogging suit and no make-up was the relaxed version of

For segmentists, a tiny costume change may be enough to signify the boundary between work-ing and leisure time. Some kick off their shoes in the car, for instance, or loosen their tie on the train home.

Most of us feel the need to reassure ourselves, while at work, that there are other things we care about hence the family snapshot on the desk (or, in the bsence of a family, the photograph of a pet). Makng personal calls is another way of defiantly showing others — or reassuring yourself - that you really do have another life.

The wallet and address book are also symbolic minefields. Do you load your wallet with personal brie-a-brac? You could be trying to comfort yourself. Are your work and personal numbers in separate address books? You must be a segmentist.

We use our hellos and goodbyes to give out stern social signals to our family and colleagues. "When you say 'goodbye honey' in the morning, you are saying that you are entering into a different mindset," says Ms when you say bello to your colleagues in the office, subconsciously you are saying to them. 'Right, here we are, let's pick up from where we left off."

hat about the ul-timate in crossving boundaries having a relationship with someone from the office? If you are a natural segmentist, you may have problems with this one. If not, "It can be a best-case scenario. Instead of struggling to reconcile two life styles, you can get them beautifully interrelated."

So are we better balanced if we discard the office with our overcoat when we get in at night? Ms Nippert Eng is undecided. "Most of us find it hard to divide our lives in such an extreme fashion, and use trivial things to keep ourselves oriented."

. But next time you phone your mother from the office, just think what it

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The Russians are coming



Glossy magazines, top models and high fashion are gripping Moscow — to the dismay of the old guard, says Richard Beeston

hen Emmanuel Ungaro arrived in Moscow re-cently to launch his latest collection and announce the opening of his first boutique in the Russian capital, he likened the city to an exotic woman he wanted to seduce Watching the towering Russian

models displaying his autumn collection to an enthusiastic audience in the grand Hall of Columns — once reserved for the lying-in-state of Soviet leaders — it was easy to see why he was so enamoured. But, as the diminutive French couturier cannot have failed to notice during his brief stay, Russia may be receptive to his charms, but he is by no means the only suitor in town.

The country — and particularly Moscow — is in the grip of a fashion mania with designer clothes shops mushrooming across the city centre, models elevated to the status once reserved for Soviet sporting heroes and Western glossy magazines competing for space on

newspaper stands. In the past two years Cosmopolitan, Harper's Bazaar and most recently Elle have Russian editions with Vogue and Marie-Claire also eyeing the lucrative and still untapped market.

The new generation of Russian women, especially from 20 to 35, is ready to accept international standards in fashion, health, beauty and life in general," says Yelena Yudina, Elle's Editor-in-Chief. "They are sophisticated enough, clever enough and beautiful enough to be at the same level in fashion as everybody in the world."

Russian girls are already a common sight on the catwalks of Paris and Milan and two models - Irina Pantayeva from Siberia and Christina Pirova from the Caucasus — are well on the way to achieving supermodel

The obsession with fashion is by no means confined to young women. Last year during the run-up to the parliamentary elections, the Our Home is Russia party, headed by Viktor Chernomyrdin, the stolid Prime Minister, brought Claudia Schiffer, the German supermodel, to Moscow to enliven his lacklustre campaign.

In the present presidential race, none of the candidates can afford to leaders of the past. Typically the candidates have already been upstaged by Vladimir Zhirinovsky, the ultra-nationalist firebrand, who insists on wearing only designer clothes made by Slava Zaitsev, Russia's best-known couturier, and favours in particular a crimson tunic with gold buttons.

"Looking back I think we have Raisa Gorbachev to thank for what is happening today," says Tatyana Koltsova, the head of Red Stars, Russia's best-known model agency. "She was the first one who was not afraid to look stylish and she inspired a whole generation of women. There will be no going back."

However, as with so many of the Gorbachev reforms, the tide may be turning. A new counter-revolution against fashion is in progress. Among older Russians it is common to hear criticism that the new generation is being sold "vulgar and soulless" Western culture that demeans women.

"Rather than portraying women's realistic role in society - as professionals, mothers or partners - the press exploits women, treating them as goods to be sold," says Alevtina Fedulova, the head of the Russian Union of Women

In particular, there has been an outery over the impact of Western glossy magazines on traditional Russian publications such as Rabotnitsa (Woman Worker) and Krestyanka (Peasant

> The mag azines, which extolled the virtues of the Soviet working women and gave tips to houswives on how to get by with limited resources, have seen their circulation dwindle from tens of millions to a few hundred thousand.

"The Russian woman as householder and mother is highly valued, possessing a certain quality of the soul," says Nadezhda Zhikhareva, a member of the Russian press committee which was responsible for publishing Soviet women's

Imported Western fashion magazines now account for some 40 per cent of the market, and she fears that Russian women will lose their real

owever, the nostalgia for the bygone days of Soviet life leaves the younger generation cold, particularly when they recall an era of shortages of even the most basic feminine items such as tampons and shampoo.

"I remember it was really hard," says Tatyana Antoshena, a model who grew up near the city of Yekaterinburg in the Urals. "You had to make your n ciotnes and bi black market. I don't believe that anyone would want to go back to those

Victoria Dronova, her colleague, says it is too late to turn the clock back and that Russian women still never accept their former status.

"Moscow is one of the most exciting places for fashion in the world because it is moving so fast," she says. "I love it here. I would not work anywhere else."

Quentin Letts on why, in these tearful times, the presidential handkerchief has never been damper

The crying game

HE IS the widow's friend. President Clinton this week reached into his White House wardrobe and again donned his funeral suit, this time for Admiral Mike Boorda. America's top sailor had committed suicide: there was another family to comfort, more pain

At the National Cathedral in Washington, Mr Clinton entered arm-in-arm with the grieving Betty Boorda, escorting her gently to her pew. Here was a widow shocked not only by the loss of her husband, but also by the manner of his passing. Bill Clinton was there for her. The most powerful man in the world found time to visit the Boorda family at home, listening to Betty's memories of her darling Mike and squeezing her hand when it all became too much and the shoulders started to shake, the tears started to flow.

When it comes to tugging tears ducts, Bill Clinton is hard to beat. It would not do in Britain, where we like our leaders to defy misfortune with a stare, but in America these days a good open weep will get you places - such as the White House.

Things have changed since 1972 when Ed Muskie's presi-dential aspirations died after he wept in defence of his wife. People then did not trust a politician who blubbed. But

for Bill Clinton in the 1990s, tears equal votes.

The routine begins with a jut of the Clinton chin and an upward tilt of the head. The jaw muscles twitch and the voice goes all James Stewart: quavery, Southern, with pauses so long that you wonder if he is strong enough to proceed. The microphone picks up the wet smack of his mouth, the bulbous nose reddens and the eyes start to look misty: like Dartmoor on a damp night.

Last month's prolonged ob-sequies for the late US Commerce Secretary, Ron Brown. gave the President numerous memorial addresses to deliver, many of them televised



Sob supremo: Bill Clinton

live. His poll ratings shot upwards, as they did after the lachrymose "shalom bever" tribute to Yitzhak Rabin last autumn. At an Oklahoma bomb commemoration, Mr Clinton slowly thanked the

good people of Oklahoma for giving him a lesson in grief and a woman blew her nose into her hanky. Little Alma McCaskell, a relation of one who died, approached the President and was given a dewy-eyed hug.
It seems to be contagious.

Marion Brando "broke down and wept" to a rabbi after he had made some mildly silly remarks about Jews in Holly wood. This year's Oscars were the dampest in memory, the Douglas family shedding buckets when old man Kirk accepted a special award, and Paul Sorvino doing a veritable Stan Laurel impression when his daughter Mira won

a prize.
Bob Dole, Mr Clinton's electoral rival, had a go at crying last month. He was giving a speech in his home town of Russell, Kansas. At one point his lower lip started to wobble and his voice gave up on him. Got a bit emotional out

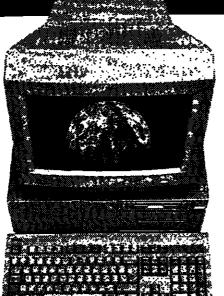
there for a moment, Mr Senator," observed a supporter after the rally. "Yep!" said Mr Dole, very pleased. But it was not a convincing cry. He will need to do very much better if he is to beat the weeper-in-chief.



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How we can use beef to beat Kohl

John Redwood sets out a

British vision of Europe

The European Union is being increased by the Maasthreatening regulations that will make the Rolls-Royce radiator grille illegal. It has already banned the export of the roast beef of old England, and the sale abroad of prime Scotch sirloin. British fishermen can no longer catch all the cod we need for fish and chips. It is as if the European Union had set out to damage or abolish our national symbols and institutions one by one. It has changed the public mood and united the Conservarive Party in anger at these unnecessary meddlings. The new "beef war cabinet" should look at all these issues, not

All this has taught many people a truth about Europe. For years people thought we had joined a Common Market. The growing evidence that others were building a state governed from Brussels was shrugged aside as strange continental idiosyncrasy. Europe was a cause of mirth as it sought the perfect cucumber or the straight banana. Now people realise it is more than this. Europe does have direct and real power over our lives. It can make or break whole industries; it can lose you your job; it has plans to transform the way we are governed by shifting immense power to Frankfurt and Brussels.

What has impressed people most about the beef crisis is how powerless British ministers appear. Beef and the rest of agriculture are primarily controlled from Brussels and not from London. Douglas Hogg is not a plenipotentiary but a supplicant. The industry's future depends on the votes of 15 countries, and has to date been dominated by German intentions to ban our beef. Although people knew we were part of something called the common agricultural policy, which means that we pay more for our food than if we bought in the world market, it has taken the beef crisis to bring home the fact that if we do not like the common policies under the legal system of the Community, there is

The Government's decision this week to refuse to cooperate until the beef issue is resolved in our favour is a welcome development. It shows a wish to stand up for British interests. The ban on gelatin was near to being lifted. The new pressure may bring progress on the general ban, but it is not a lasting solution to the problem of powerlessness felt by ministers and constituents. It may salvage something for the beef industry, but enormous damage will have been done.

British ministers should not sit at the council table in a sullen sulk. Nor should we speak only of beef, important though that is. We must use the new notoriety we have gained by our threat of noncooperation to articulate a better vision of Europe, to offer our partners a choice, to say there is a different way from that recommended by Chancellor Kohl. Our case should begin with unemployment.

It is no accident that unemployment is so much higher in Europe than in North America or Asia. It is the direct result of EU policies. It is now

tricht requirements and by the common employment policies of the 14 states that have signed the social chapter. Both France and Germany need faster growth to bring their deficits down. Both are aiming for lower growth through their present policies. Both need farreaching long-term reform of their welfare systems, not smash-and-grab raids against those least able to afford it. Neither has developed systems of savings for pensions by employers and employees. They need them quickly, oth-erwise their public spending will be unsustainable into the

next century.
It is cruelty to tell people they can earn more than the market wishes to pay them. Offering a minimum wage is fine for some, but for others it means no job. No wonder youth unemployment is so high on the Continent.

It is also a grave folly for the EU to believe that it knows best about technology and to worry about where an idea came from - the not-invented-here" syndrome. It is fast becoming illegal for companies in Britain or elsewhere in the EU to develop certain new technologies, or to use technologies developed else-where in the world. This narrow approach destroys jobs, turns away investment and adds to the dole queues.

aving set out our stall for a less regulated . Europe, we should argue our case for a Europe of nations. The Government is right to make that the centrepiece of its strategy. The beef crisis shows how far we have deviated from that ideal already in some areas. If we were truly a Europe of nations, Britain would be able to export beef to non-EU countries that wish to buy it. We would be able to protect British cod and the Rolls-Royce grille.

The problem comes from the European Court. There is nothing wrong with a Council of Ministers finding common solutions in common policies, be done by unanimity rather than by majority voting. There is everything wrong with a court that tells us that our laws have to be changed and which demands £30 million of our money to compensate Spanish fishermen who have not plundered our waters, but think on reflection they should have done so.

To create this Europe of nations, the Government should reassert the supremacy of Acts of Parliament over iudge-made law from Europe. Then the Government by itself could lift the ban on exporting our beef to non-EU countries: British ministers could return to the council table with more pride in themselves and more power in their pockets. Then they would be negotiating with the voice of public and Parliament at their back. This might prove so attractive that other countries would follow. Loss of our power to impose some directives in another country - which are often ignored, even with a powerful court in place - would be a small price to pay for retaining control over our crucial



Obscene prohibitions

at exactly is pornogra-phy? I ask, because it seems that there is more talked and written about it than ever, which in my innocent understanding must mean that there is more of the thing. Experts in these matters (I am not one) say that that is not true. and that pornography is waning, be-cause it is old hat and drugs have replaced porn. Still, porno-graphy has certainly not disappeared entirely, as many a newsagents

The word is very old indeed; it comes from the Greeks (shame on you. Greece, shame!) and our "porn" meant no more (though not less) than harlot. "Pornography" was the inevitable straight noun, but "pornographer" naturally followed quickly, with "pornographic" and there is a touch of the porn-hauteur when we come to "pornocracy". (As for pornograph, it must have greyed many a sedate head, when an innocent music-lover put the next

There is soft porn, and hard porn (I experts, could be sure where the line is to be drawn. Indeed, I should think that no group of people gathering solemnly to discuss the grave matter of pornography would be able to get half a dozen experts in the matter to agree on anything about it, much less

come up with a conclusion. We must tread carefully here, if only because the law may be sniffing at our heels. The law tried to define pornography in 1959, and made a fool of itself. Such laws invariably do, and are largely ignored.

Try a bit For the purposes of this Act an article shall be deemed to be obscene if its effect or (where the article comprises two or more distinct items) the effect of any one of its Items is, if taken as a whole, such as to tend to depraye and corrupt persons who are likely, having regard to all relevant circumstances, to read, see or hear the matter contained or embodied in it.

That's nothing, I assure you; when they get into their stride, they can do

this in less than a week: Proceedings for an offence under this section shall not be instituted except by or with the consent of the Director of Public Prosecutions in any case where the article in question is a moving picture film of a width of not less than sixteen millimetres and the relevant publication or the only other publicaCorrupting or releasing? The laws

against pornography are certainly

absurd — but I'm glad I don't need it

ably have been expected to follow from the relevant publication took place or (as the case may be) was to take place

Incidentally, is there anyone left in the drafters' section who can still both read and understand what he is

But pornography is much wider than the nonsense that the law lays down and which, sensibly, is entirely ignored. There are, quite obviously, many people who enjoy the sexual thrill of pornography. most blatantly seen in the form of naked and seminaked beautiful la-

dies being ogled. But if I may tread ice, our dear sister The Sun never comes out unless there is a beautiful young lady clad in

nothing between the top of the edge of her panties and the top of her head. Is The Sun therefore a purveyor of pornography? And what about the News of the World, which lives in the same stable and eats the same straw? Does the nakedness of the ladies who are found in those papers make them pornographic? Certainly, they are fiercely de-nounced as such.

ery well; but if you say that both the papers in question are selling pornography you have said that approximately four million people are buying pornography six days a week, and another 42 million on Sundays. What is more, experts tell us that each copy of The Sun and News of the World is read by roughly two people. If those newspapers are pornographic, some eight or nine million people in this country are wallowing in pornography, which surely cannot be true. (My own nearest approach to depravity took place when I was innocently travelling in Europe. I

was staying in an expensive hotel in Switzerland and at that time I had

never heard of those hotels - very swish ones, too - which include a pornographic section in their televisions. It was coyly tucked away, with a complicated patch of buttons to bring it out, and the only reason I didn't switch on was that my famous incompetence with machinery made t impossible.)

But what and who gets or gives in the matter of porn? Well, for a start, those poor women who pose for the blurred, cheap, horrible men who lick their lips and peer at what was once a — usually young — woman. But that won't do, for two reasons:

the first is, of course, that the women in the pictures are doing it for money, and would probably have none if they didn't participate. The second, is that and there it is very substantial evidence for it - many of the girls want

to pose in such surroundings. Now, the argument takes over. Is pornography corrupting or releasing? We have a strange system with our films (well, most of us must think it strange); a man sits down and watches films, not because he is a film-buff but he is the man who tells us which films we may see, or at least tells young people which they may not. Can we be sufficiently degraded that our nature changes, and for the worse, after seeing a dirty film? If so, can we be sufficiently elevated by seeing a film which has nothing but

George by watching a sufficiently soppy film. There are those who are sure that pornography is truly dangerous; one of these is a greatly committed Indian, Hamdy Shahein, who argues that adults can do what they like, but children should be guarded from pornography - a reasonable attitude. though I fear that children these days are themselves lusting for porno-graphic magazines. Mr Shahein

points out that it is illegal for any

purity in it? Try as I may, I cannot see

anyone being transformed into a St

WH Smith, of course, is buying and selling under the law, the ridiculous Obscene Publications Act, and I suppose that from time to time the owner of some scruffy corner thop is bunged up to show that Her Majesty's sniffers-out are on the job.

ut we come back to the used for gloating over pictures that most of us would find disgusting. But this matter, so that from drooling over a luscious pair of breasts in a tabloid we go to the panting figure who suddenly opens his flies in the Tube when there is a young woman

opposite? Come back to the young woman who could get no employment other than posing horribly in the porn magazines. Has she been damaged? Is the prostitute damaged? Is the photographer who takes the pictures damaged? Turn it upside down: what about the decent men who cannot get decent satisfaction other than by

using porn magazines? The laws against pornography are ridiculous, as I have said, but they must have been put there for a reason. You can say that they might give children nightmares, but the laws are plainly for adults. It is true that at least half of our laws were invented on the principle of "Go and see what Johnny is doing and then tell him to stop", but there must be

some sense in our courts.

shop to sell cigarettes to any person under 16 years, and he might add that there are films which it is illegal to show to those under 13. WH Smith fought a long battle against Mr Shahein over the question of whether soft pornographic magazines should be included compulsorily in the bundles which WH Smith supplies to retailers. In the end, WH Smith agreed to allow newsagents to refuse to stock

question: leave out children and ask: does looking at pornography damage human beings? It is no use saying that the world is full of shamefulness and wickedness beside which a dirty magazine is nothing, though it is true. The newsagents who peddle the stuff peddle it in the certainty that it is what about the people who do not find it disgusting? Are there stages in

On the whole, I think that pornography is loathsome, but for those who are old enough to buy it legally probably not very dangerous. Anyway, I don't need pornography - I've got Wagner.

Batting on

NORMA MAJOR'S literary career has been revived by an assiduous Downing Street charlady. Her book on the Prime Minister's country residence Chequers, which appeared to have been abandoned, is back on track after a cleaner discovered essential archive mate-

rial in the basement of No 10. A book tour by the First Lady is now planned for the autumn. Dates have been pencilled in only. just in case a general election is

called to steal her thunder. Downing Street is closely protecting the name of the truffling cleaning-lady, who, having struggled through piles of Prime Ministerial clutter, decided the basement could do with a clean-out. Like Carter finding Tutankhamun, but with duster instead of torch, she stumbled on the crucial bundle of

I understand that Norma seized upon the material and sprinted up to telephone the literary agent Andrew Lownie. And so the Chequers project was revived. Nobody is saying yet what secrets they have discovered," says a source. "But there appears to be evidence that there was once a cricket pitch at Chequers. The Prime Minister is

clearly excited and there is talk of getting the square back into play-

• Though his fortune has been built on beef, Lord Vestey was for many years a pig man. He kept them in 2,200 square feet of Emsworthian splendour on his Stowell Park estate in Gloucestershire. His passion spent, however, Vestey has chosen to convert the empty pig sties into a craft and business centre. For this, Vestey, who is not

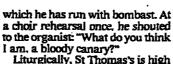


the sort who needs to blanche at a drinks bill, is to receive a £28,000 handout from the Rural Development Commission.

First class

CLARENCE HOUSE is excited by the news that one of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother's favourite clerics is coming home. After 24 vears in Manhattan, Canon John Andrew will be driven to the city's JFK airport in the official Rolls-Royce belonging to Sir John Weston, the British Ambassador to the UN. He will then board Concorde for the flight home, a trip paid for by friends, and from Heathrow he

will retire to Bath. Andrew is leaving St Thomas's. the smart Fifth Avenue Anglican



Liturgically, St Thomas's is high as a kite, but the pews are packed. It will be a duller place without 'Father John".

■ Liverpool's Roman Catholics, still reeling from the posthumous attacks on Archbishop Derek Wor-lock, must brace themselves for more bad news. Their new Arch-bishop, Patrick Kelly, is a fan of Manchester United, Liverpool's arch-rivals and conquerors in the recent FA Cup Final. Even within Britain's Catholic hierarchy, Mgr Kelly must tread softly. His immediate boss, Cardinal Basil Hume, is a devoted fan of Newcastle United, whom United beat to the Premiership title.

Bushy tale

BLUBBING Bill Clinton is embarrassing enough, but for real schmaltz, George Bush takes some beating. In a note to the newborn daughter of his friends Susan Molinari and Bill Paxon, Bush writes: Dear Susan Ruby Paxton Jendearingly misspelt], I love you already and I haven't even seen you yet ... I church which has one of the richest am an old guy now. I am older congregations in the world, and than your granddad . . . You will



will be cheering for you all the way. Love, George Bush.

P.S. I used to be President of the United States - now I am a happy dad and granddad - that's it. That's the way it should be."

Letting rip

ROBUST underpants were all that saved Bruce Anderson, the substantially-built political pundit, from humiliation in Jordan recently. A few minutes before he was to be presented to King Husain and Oueen Noor, "The Brute" was bal-



Accidental Anderson and the blithely unaware Queen Noor

have an exciting life ahead, and I ancing suavely on a wooden balcony at the royal palace. Summoned to the King's presence, he bounced to his feet. "Rrrrrip" went the seat

of his trousers. "I didn't have time to inspect the damage," he says of his near-mooning experience. "I had to bow to the King, and the worst was revealed. Luckily I was wearing a sturdy pair of underpants and the

only people who saw them peeping through were the British MPs behind me - and I expect they have seen worse." Very unlikely.

Philip Howard



We like our literature digested from Don Quixote to Mary Poppins

ntellectual snobs deplore digests. We should read proper books, such nannies scold us, not the predigested extracts from and summaries of fashionable books from which The Reader's Digest makes its profits. In fact, not all digests are childsread, as he/she knows who has toiled through the original Digest of Roman Law, compiled for the Emperor Justinian (Forthemoney) by Tribo-

nian and his 16 assistan Now high-minded Spaniards are deploring the decision of a publisher to cut out 54 of the 74 chapters of Don Quivote because they are boring. Perhaps it is a shame that this latest digest has lost Sancho Panza's term as Governor of Barataria, because it is early Private Eye satire of government. And it was hugely influential. What was the name of the Utopian kingdom of Gilbert and Sullivan's Gondoliers? Why, Barataria of course. And Don Quixote's muddle-headed fool with frequent lucid intervals fathered a dynasty of English rapscallion heroes. In the hoofprints of Rozinante staggering under the Knight of the Doleful Countenance, Tom Jones tum-bles and Mr Pickwick gets into scrapes that are social commentaries as well as funny. Sterne kept Don Quixote on his desk. beside the works of Shakespeare, and named his humorous parson Yorick. The picaresque novel, in which a lovable picaro or "rogue" proves wiser than the great and the good, flavoured the work of postrealist writers from Joyce to Borges and Nabokov. On the trail behind Don Quixote dances a subversive crew of madcaps that includes Huckleberry Firm, Just William and (I would

assert). Mary Poppins.

The digest of Don Quixote will beguile many to read the unabbreviated work, just as some readers of tabloids go on to grown-up newspapers. At the Criterion Theatre, the Reduced Shakespeare Company per-forms the 37 plays of Shakespeare in 97 minutes. It's great fun, and like Ian McKellen's brilliant 1930-ish thriller of Richon the Bard. But, "It is a pretty poem. Mr Pope, but you must not call it Homer."

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People have been digesting Shakespeare for centuries. for their own dramatic. political, moral and Bowdlerising reasons. That is how Thomas Bowdler made his name. "Nothing is added to the original text; but those words are omitted which cannot with propriety be read aloud in a family." So Bowdler's Hamlet. was a slim volume, though not as slim as a later digest:

Prince Hamlet thought Uncle a For having it off with his Mater. Revenge Dad or not? That's the gist of the plot, And he did — nine soliloquies later.

P.L. Travers, who died last month aged 96, so hated what the cinema did to Mary Poppins that she left instructions in her will that another film should never be made about the nanny she created. And indeed the film digest Disneyfied Julie Andrews as Poppins, substituting a little bit of sugar for the starch and quixotic subversiveness of the original. But it won several Oscars and is still loved by children, some of whom will be drawn on to read the real thing in full. Like all picaresque classics, it is frightening and sad as well as magical and very funny. Mary Poppins continued to regard the four children searchingly. Then, with a long, loud sniff that seemed to indicate that she had made up her mind, she said: "I'll take the position." "For all the world," as Mrs Banks said to her husband later, as though she were doing . us a signal honour. "Perhaps she is," said Mr Banks. Part of the timeless attraction of Mary Poppins is that she takes the middle-class English back to a vanished (and imaginary) world of pre-war security in the nursery, when there were muffins still for tea (after you had

washed your hands). The Jungle Book cartoon is another Disneyfication, though nothing like as successful as Mary Poppins. But many children still enjoy it and sing along with its vulgarisation. Some discover the magic and terror of Kipling's hard stuff between hard covers. The classics are big enough to survive digests, distortions and translations into other media. Sometimes the digests become classics in their own version, as has McKellen's Richard III. Let digests thrive. They are the sincerest form of

favourable review.

V&A extension a

From Mr Richard Weston

site for sore eyes?

Sir, As a practitioner and supporter of

If the V&A's Director thinks that it

will do for London what the Eiffel

Tower did for Paris, perhaps he might

like to consider Eiffel's belief that his

tower would "have its own beauty" be-cause it conformed to "the first princi-

ple of architectural beauty - that the

essential lines of a construction be de-

termined by a perfect appropriateness

to its use". Daniel Libeskind's exten-

sion presumably "works", but it does its best to look as if it couldn't.

The so-called "deconstructivism"

promoted by many American intellec-tuals, of whom Mr Libeskind appears

to be one, is not about beauty, but ex-

presses the belief that, after the Holo-

caust, man must be "decentred" as the

In a forthcoming book on Modern-

ism I sum up this Post-Modern cult of

"violated perfection" as an architec-

ture "designed to discomfort - physi-

cally, perceptually and intellectually. These architects appear deeply serious about their work, and there are

niche markets worldwide for such de-

lights: but not, let us pray, in South

Here, surely, is a worthy cause for

the Prince of Wales. For all our sakes I

hope he will take up his lance and go

subject of architecture.

Kensington.

(Director).

Radiant World,

Yours faithfully. RICHARD WESTON

struction envisaged.

57 Lamborne Road, Leicester.

From Lord Armstrong of Ilminster

Sir, The trustees of the V&A welcome

public discussion of Daniel Libes-kind's exciting design concept for the new building, which we hope to be able to put up on the Boilerhouse Yard

site, but would like there to be no mis-

understanding about the type of con-

It will not be a glass building, as you reported. The design concept en-

visages a space which will be largely

glass on the top of the building at the

back, looking out towards the Pirelli

Gardens, which could house observa-

tion, information and restaurant facil-





CATTLE GRIDLOCK

All that Labour can do is limit the political damage

For years the Tories have been hoping for something to turn up—some 1996 version of the Falklands War, perhaps, that might revive their political fortunes. The beef war has now become that "something". It brings risks for John Major but the biggest loser could be the Labour Party — which is why Tony Blair seems so determined not to repeat the mistakes that Michael Foot made in 1982.

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Labour recalls how the Falklands affair began as bad news for the Government. The Foreign Office was blamed for failing to take notice of intelligence reports that the Argentinians were planning to invade. The Foreign Secretary and his deputy were forced to resign. At that stage, it seemed perfectly proper to find fault with the administration.

But war changed everything: once the task force had set sail, to criticise was tantamount to treason. Labour's less than wholehearted support for Mrs Thatcher (along with all the party's other problems) sealed its fate at the subsequent election.

So it could be with beef. Yes, the Government threw the beef industry into this mess by not taking BSE seriously enough at the start. Yes, the lack of a coherent line from ministers in the few weeks after the link between BSE and CID was suggested helped to undermine consumer confidence. But for Labour leaders to say that they would not have started from here sounds irrelevant now. For Labour to suggest that the Government has not done enough to make British beef safe could now

be portrayed by the Tories as unpatriotic. Even to criticise the Government's noncooperation tactics might be to make Mr Foot's mistake. That is why Mr Blair, in Italy yesterday, was careful to promise not to undermine Mr Major's new policy; and to couch the lifting of the ban as a matter of national interest, not to be clouded by partisan considerations.

The whole affair, of course, is steeped in partisan politics. Britain's beef producers have become pawns in the two parties' election campaigns. Mr Major has taken this action to look tough, to unite his party, to win press support and to discomfort Labour. If the beef ban is indeed lifted, then his joy at the restoration of beef industry jobs will be far eclipsed by his delight at the transformation of his political prospects.

All that Labour can do is to cling to the Tories' tactics while they look likely to work in an attempt to neutralise any partisan effect that they might have in the polls. Mr Blair can try to strengthen the war aims so that Mr Major will find it harder to claim a bogus victory. And he can detach himself from the government position if he senses that it is doing the Tories more harm than good. But this is all damage limitation; for Mr Major's ploy is a serious trap for Labour.

Mr Blair's difficulty is that much of the electorate and much of his party think that the policy of non-cooperation is wrong. At the moment, only Paddy Ashdown is representing this sizeable group of voters. Many of Mr Blair's colleagues will be tempted to undermine their leader by criticising the Government Already Baroness Blackstone, in the Lords yesterday, has described the stance as "folly".

This is not a war: it is not even a phoney war. The normal considerations of national unity should not have to apply. But logic has little force in this base political manoeuvring. Although a few Tory Euro-enthusiasts have to hold their noses, they are prepared to do so because they are outnumbered in their own party. Mr Major's calculation is that more such enthusiasts sit on Labour's benches, and that they, as a majority in their party, will find it harder to support a Government and policy that they disdain. For the moment, Mr Blair has a harder hand to play than his

RUSSIAN REFORM

Yeltsin and Yavlinsky need to unite against Communism

Already the post-election bargaining has begun in Moscow. Grigori Yavlinsky, the boyish, charismatic leader of Russia's dwindling band of reformers, has offered President Yeltsin an informal alliance if he halts the war in Chechenia, sacks the unpopular Defence Minister, dismisses Viktor Chernomyrdin, the lacklustre Prime Minister, and commits himself wholeheartedly to further market reforms.

There is no chance that Mr Yeltsin will accept these demands by tomorrow, the deadline that Mr Yavlinsky has given him. But he has not rejected the document. He has announced a major shake-up in his Government, with hints that he may indeed dismiss Pavel Grachev if things continue as badly as now in Chechenia; and he is clearly positioning himself as leader of a broadbased anti-Communist front.

Mr Yavlinsky will not, at this stage, pull out of the election or conclude any formal deal. He is an astute politician and has served both Mikhail Gorbachev and Mr Yeltsin as economic adviser. He drew up, with the Harvard economist, Jeffrey Sachs, one of Russia's first market reform plans. He led the Yabloko bloc in the old Duma and made a name for himself as one of the Young Turks who has transformed the city of Nizhny Novgorod into a showcase for reform. He has youth, looks and brains on his side. Although Russian nationalists will never vote for him, liberals who, despite all the setbacks, want reform to continue, see him as the only credible candidate. He may garner 10 per cent of the vote.

An informal understanding with Mr Yeltsin at this stage would serve both men. The Russian leader is not yet assured of victory next month. Despite a remarkable recovery from last year's depths of unpopularity, he cannot be sure that the widespread anger at his Chechen policy, the entrenched sus-

picion of the West, growing disillusion with reform and popular hatred of the mafia millionaires will not deliver a substantial vote to Gennadi Zyuganov, his Communist opponent. Mr Yeltsin knows that this election, for millions of Russians and the outside world, is a stark choice: a return to old-fashioned Communism or a continuation of economic and political reform. The more that the contest is polarised, the more sense an anti-Communist coalition makes.

For Mr Yavlinsky it also makes sense. If he does a deal after the first round, he has a good chance of being appointed Prime Minister, and, given Mr Yelisin's uncertain health, President-in-waiting. He would have to compete with rivals, principally Aleksandr Lebed, the popular former general who did poorly in the Duma elections but may still command the nationalist vote. He may find that General Korzhakov and others in Mr Yeltsin's self-seeking entourage have plans of their own. But he could safeguard the reforms, even in such a political hotch-potch.

These reforms are, at last, bearing fruit. Russians are much given to complaining, to anathematising change and to dismissing apparent success as a trick or fraud. But privatisation has now gone so far that every shopper, every provincial town, is beginning to glimpse the better life. Small businesses are booming. The harshest times are past, and provided that the mafia-controlled monopolies can be broken, Russia has an opportunity to experience the sort of boom that Eastern Europe has seen.

Mr Yavlinsky cannot expect an immediate answer from Mr Yeltsin. His demands are high; his deadline is opportunistic, even impudent. But he would surely add to Mr Yeltsin's appeal. He would bring back some of the President's early reforming credibility. They should do a deal.

BLOW-OUT

A diplomat is a dainty eater sent to lunch out for his country

Two heavyweight statesmen are for their countries yesterday. When President Clinton took Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, out to lunch at a Milwaukee German restaurant, the White House described their meeting as a summit. Less diplomatic sauces called it "the nosh of the century".

Both men are famous for their appetites as well as their power. Both have been known to refuel with burns or hamburgers even after the obstacle courses of a state banquet. Mr Clinton has a passion for Big Macs. In Primary Colours, the Clintons' roman à clef. lack of discipline is symbolised by craving for doughnuts. Herr Kohl is so fond of the cooking of his homeland, Rhineland Palatmate, that he once entertained Margaret Thatcher with pig's stomach (as well as much else). She tried to hide the bits she

could not face beneath her knife and fork. As the two world trenchermen munched through their cholesterol yesterday, each had a hidden menu. Milwaukee is the home of a huge German-American population and Mr Clinton needs to win Milwaukee in November. Herr Kohl wants to explain Europe's objections to proposed American legislation imposing sanctions on those who trade with Iran. Since Germany trades with Iran. Herr Kohl hopes to persuade a replete President that trade moderates extremism.

Dinner moderates diplomacy. It is nothing but the continuation of politics by other means, such as Hollandaise sauce. If jawjaw is better than war-war, who cares whether the jaws are waffling or chomping? And hospitality to important strangers is one of the oldest rules of diplomatic man. To eat a man's salt creates a sacred bond between host and guest. Official eating is a means of display, flattery and national propaganda. State visitors to Britain at present invariably find Aberdeen Angus on the menu, and at the press conference afterwards are asked pointedly how they enjoyed

A diplomatic menu can be table d'hôte as well as a la carte. Guests at state banquets with famous poisoners - Nero, say, or the Borgias - took their own diplomatic doggy bags. Similarly, Sir Alec Douglas-Home, trained on expensive boarding-school cooking, had a waterproof pocket in his tails for the disposal of state cooking. But, for the most part, the great ones of the world are seldom so harmlessly employed as when they are opening their mouths and stuffing fine food in them. We would like to have wished Mr Clinton and Herr Kohl bon appetit. But they have already finished and, even if they have not, it would be unnecessary.

Sentencing reform Labour policies under close scrutiny

initiative defended From the Home Secretary

Sir, Lord Ackner (letter, May 20) accuses me of amnesia. Let me remind him of what my White Paper sets out to do, rather than what he claims it sets out to do.

There is incontrovertible evidence that our current sentencing arrange-ments fail to protect the public from repeat sexual or violent offenders whose determinate sentences release them back into the community while they are still dangerous.
Of 217 offenders convicted of a sec-

ond serious violent or sexual offence in 1994, only ten received a life sentence. In other words, in 207 cases the courts denied the Parole Board or anyone else any opportunity to protect the public from a violent criminal who had already proven that prison was likely to be only a temporary interruption to their assaults. Moreover, around 40 serious violent or sexual crimes in 1994 were committed by of-fenders who had already been con-

victed of a second such offence.

I believe that the public need much greater protection from these dangerous and persistent offenders. I am sorry if Lord Ackner disagrees.

Yours sincerely, MICHAEL HOWARD, Home Office, 50 Queen Anne's Gate, SWI.

From Mr Neville Goldrein

Sir, I am not convinced by the Lord Chief Justice's broad generalisation, in his article today, that "those who actually work in the system - lawyers, judges, probation and prison of-ficers — are clear" that the Home Secretary's proposals on sentencing will not work.

Lord Taylor of Gosforth says, quite rightly, that individual crimes "vary almost infinitely, as do individual criminals". One problem is that the judges vary similarly, leading perforce to an infinite variety in sentencing. This is one of the reasons for the differential in sentences for similar crimes which so disturbs the public.

He concentrates substantially on the proposed minimum sentence for the third burglary, "however modest the value of the theft". For the burgled householder, the invasion of privacy. the vandalism, the interference with personal and sentimental items, whether his goods are stolen or not, is always traumatic. And it is incorrect o say that "no account of whether the criminal was before the court for three offences or 30", or whether they "involved sophisticated planning or drunken opportunism". The proposals only involve a mandatory minimum and so if the trial judge were to consider the burglary to have been more serious than would warrant a three-year "real-time" sentence, he would still have the discretion to impose a longer sentence.

My experience as a solicitor over many years is that the penalty, if real, is just as much a deterrent as the fear of detection. One of the current problems with burglary is that the criminal knows that the penalty, with remission, would be fairly short-term, and so it is worth the risk

Lord Taylor suggests that the minimum sentence for a third burglary would be longer than the current average sentence for serious crimes of violence, including rape. This surely confirms that the current sentences imposed by the judges for such offences are far too low in so many instances.

Lord Taylor considers the views of the judiciary and its dislike of any fetter on its discretion. The Home Secretary takes into account the view of the general public - the victims of the burglaries. Surely it would be better to enable the Home Secretary's propos-als to proceed. They may well work the present system certainly does not.

I am, Sir, yours truly, NEVILLE GOLDREIN, Torreno, St Andrew's Road, Blundelisands, Liverpool. May 23.

Gay clergy

From the Reverend Steve Allen

Sir, A former Archbishop of Canterbury has revealed that he has some-times acted in a "don't want to know way" when interviewing prospective ordinands (report, May 16). This is an admission of a gross neglect of duty.

In the ordination service the bishop says to the congregation: "Those whose duty it is to inquire about these persons and examine them have found them to be of godly life." On the basis of this examination he then asks the congregation if it is their will that he proceed with the ordination.

It would appear from what Lord Runcie now says that there were times when his examination was less than thorough. One wonders just how much our bishops and those who advise them can be trusted in this particular matter.

Yours faithfully, STEVE ALLEŃ. 30 Bartle Close. Great Horton. Bradford, West Yorkshire. May 17.

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From the Reverend Stephen Jones

Sir, Jill Sherman, your Chief Political Correspondent, is absolutely right (report, May 16) in saying that the "personality splits" among the leading lights in the Labour Party "hide damaging divisions over policy that will become more exposed in the run-up to the general election".

The Labour Party is seriously torn between the imperative of winning power and doing what it was established to do, namely, to protect work-ing people and enhance their rights

This dichosomy is highlighted by a lack of clarity over child and unemployment benefit, taxation, rail privatisation, education and health, as Ms Sherman explains; and Labour only appears to be relatively united over Europe because the Conservatives are even more divided.

I shall vote Labour in the general election, not out of any great confi-dence or expectation, but because I cannot consider voting for either of the

I suppose I am middle-class — one of those whose votes Labour needs but I reckon it will be a miracle if Labour wins a second term. Then, along with many others. I shall be left wondering where all the compromises and changes of heart over the past decades have got us.

Yours faithfully, STEPHEN JONES, 30 North Road, Carnforth, Lancashire. May 16.

From Ms Fran Bennett

Sir, Paul Barker's article, "Why child benefit is special" (May 17), was a timely reminder of the fact that child benefit is a direct descendant of child tax allowances as well as of a benefit, the family allowance.

This family tree is important because it tells us that child benefit has multiple functions. It is the benefit which reaches those poverty-stricken families that means-tested benefits despite being designed specifically for them - do not reach.

It acts as a form of savings bank, redistributing resources over the family lifecycle to the time when income tends to be lower relative to expenditure. It does not contribute to the unemployment and poverty traps.

But, above all, it is the only mechanism we now have for recognising the fact that families with children, at whatever income level, have a lower "taxable capacity" than those without. This is recognised in parliamentary answers, in which child benefit is set

against tax, as a tax credit. The implications are simple. We have many different ways in which to redirect money from the better-off to

poorer families. We now only have one way in which to adjust the tax bur-den between those without and those with children. Somehow, we seem to need regular reminders of this crucial

Yours faithfully, FRAN BENNETT. 60 St Bernard's Road, Oxford.

From Sir John Walley

Editor of The Times gave me the chance of putting forward the case for a universal child benefit which would, at little net cost, replace the existing expensive muddle of child support arrangements and tax allowances and be more valuable to parents.

ernments is fascinatingly described in Paul Barker's article. The story is not a credit to these Governments and I hope that a new Labour Chancellor will not follow them in thinking that this is a field in which financial savings can be looked for.

Yours truly, JOHN WALLEY (Deputy Secretary, 1059,66) Ministry of Social Security, 1958-66), Brookland House, 24 High Street, Cottenham, Cambridgeshire.

Sir. It would be wrong to be overly gloomy about Labour's transport proposals regarding road pricing and car taxation (report, May 17). It should be remembered that while the real costs of public transport fares have increased over the last ten years, the costs of driving have fallen.

As our congested cities slowly suffocate and the tranquillity of the countryside is destroyed by traffic noise, it is fair to ask how many people actually benefit from the status qub. Indeed, for the quarter of the population without a car, it is likely that things are get-

It is a classic tenet of transport policy that change can only be brought about with a mixture of "carrot and stick" measures. Unless we are brave enough to face the issue of how cheap it is to move around by car, we can expect our nation's roads to grind to a halt, while our transport needs go unmet.

LILLI MATSON (Transport campaigner), Council for the Protection of Rural England. Warwick House, 25 Buckingham Palace Road, SWI

Literary twinning

From Ms Cynthia Gamble

Sir. Your leading article of May 17. Fair exchanges", illustrated in a most moving, poignant and vivid way the long-lasting value of Anglo-French pupil exchanges, and in particular cited the example of Jacques Chirac.

I myself was profoundly influenced by my first visit to France when I was a pupil at a country school, Bridgnorth Grammar School, in Shropshire. My profound love of France and subsequent teaching career emanates from that first critical visit and the warm reception I received.

Probably the most recent Anglo-French town twinning is that between Coniston in Cumbria and Illiers-Combray in Eure et Loire. This jumelage was finalised last February, when the Mayor of Illiers-Combray and representatives came to Coniston to sign the twinning agreement with their Lakeland counterparts.

Pupil and staff exchanges have already taken place between the John Ruskin School, Coniston, and the Collège Marcel Proust in Illiers-Combray. The twinning of these two small towns, associated with these two great writers, owes its success to the commitment and enthusiasm of the twinning committees and all the local people.

I think that both Ruskin and Proust would have approved.

Napoleon III's dentist

Sir, Howard Davies says, in his re-

view of Beth Archer Brombert's bio-

graphy of Edouard Manet (May 16), that the main claim to fame of the

American dentist Thomas W. Evans

was that he "looked after Napoleon

ing his demonstrations of nitrous ox-

ide anaesthesia in London in March

1868 its use became generally estab-lished. Furthermore, he accompanied

the Empress Eugénie on her escape

from Paris to England in September

1870, the journey being described in some detail in his memoirs.

Sir, David Bowie has not "received a

rebuff from the Institute of Contemporary Arts" (Diary, May 10). He is a very welcome contributor to our three-

day event, "Incarcerated with Artaud

and Genet", and his installation made

for the Nash Room will be seen by all

David Bowie never intended to give a locture" (he is on tour at the

time of the event) but if he should wish

He did have other claims. Follow-

From Dr P. M. E. Drury

III's teeth"

Yours truly

May 19.

P. M. E. ĎRURY,

From Mr Alan Read

who visit the ICA.

May 16.

80 Green Lane, Liverpool 18.

Bowie and Genet

Yours. CYNTHIA GAMBLE (Head, European Relations). University of East London. Duncan House, High Street, E15. May 20.

Lively Lowestoft

From Mr David Porter, MP for Waveney (Conservative)

Sir. It's a pity that your reporter who wrote the story of the ending of the twinning links between Lowestoft and Katwijk (May 23) didn't do a bit more research into the attractions of Lowestoft as a tourist area.

Lowestoft is the most easterly point of the British Isles, and the South Beach is a national award-winning area. There are parks, gardens, sports facilities, the full range of camping and hotel accommodation to compare with anywhere and for all ages, and we have the only adventure park in

East Anglia.

Lowestoft is where the Broads meet the sea and, as its native-born and bred Member of Parliament, I challenge your reporter to see our charms for himself before writing anything else disparaging.

Yours faithfully, DAVID PORTER, House of Commons.

Please hold . . . From Mr K. N. Bladon

May 16.

Sir, I too dislike telephone queueing systems. The trouble with Mr Harry Cooksley's solution [letter, May 16;

other letters, May 13, 22 is that companies are quite happy to ignore faxes and posted letters as well. to in the future we would be delighted The system I like least is that which tells you at half-minute intervals you

to host it. are no further up the queue. Yours sincerely, ALAN READ Yours sincerely, (Director of Talks). K. N. BLADON, Institute of Contemporary Arts, 57 Little Hill Way, South Woodgate, Birmingham. The Mall, SW].

modern architecture I rarely find my-self agreeing wholeheartedly with Britain's heritage lobby, but the pro-posed extension to the Victoria and Albert Museum (report and photo-graph, May 18) is clearly a carbuncle

Sir, Nearly thirty years have gone by since (on December 11, 1967) the then

There was nothing party-political about the proposal. How it fared under the Wilson and Callaghan Gov-

May 17.

From Ms Lilli Matson

ting steadily worse.

ities for visitors; but the main construction of the building would be intended to be of a solid material with an external cladding, possibly of tiles. That is what will be seen from Exhibition Road. Yours faithfully.
ARMSTRONG of ILMINSTER May 17.

South Kensington, SW7. May 21.

From Mr A. J. Colbert Sir, The appearance of the proposed Victoria and Albert Museum extension may horrify many but will not shock reachers who have seen national curriculum technology models completed in great haste by disaffected pupils who arrived late for the

(Chairman, Board of Trustees).

Victoria and Albert Museum,

Yours sincerely, A. J. COLBERT. 25 Leigh Road, Walsall, West Midlands. May 18.

Crumbling gravestones

From Mr Arthur S. Daniels

Sir, I was pleased to read your report (May 20) that thousands of inscriptions from crumbling gravestones are being recorded before they are lost to vandals and to the elements.

In 1980 I participated in the recording of all those memorial inscriptions which were legible — and noted the locations of those which were not - in the Lower Arrow Valley in Warwickshire. Subsequent observation has revealed the alarming rate at which many of them have become unread-

Elemental forces are largely to blame; but destruction is being wrought as much by the grass-cutter and the tidy-minded as by vandalism: how urgent it is, then, that a proper record be established.

Our records, which are lodged in school and public libraries, with local clergy and at our county records office, have proved invaluable for the study of family history.

Yours faithfully, A. S. DANIELS Committee member, Alcester and District Local History Society), Rose Cottage, High Street, Studley, Warwickshire. May 20.

Time and money From Mr Daniel Snowman

Sir, "After 170 years of uselessness and £100,000 of refurbishment, the Government is at last proposing to do something with Marble Arch" (lead-

ing article, May 2)). I know it seems they have been there a long time. But that long? And spent so little on themselves?

Yours faithfully, DANIEL SNOWMAN. 46 Molyneux Street, W1.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE May 23: The Duke of Edinburgh today visited Greater Manchester and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant (Colonel John Timmins).

His Royal Highness this morning visited the University of Salford.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Honorary Life Member, later attended the Fiftieth Anniversary Luncheon of the Manchester Naval Officers' Association at Manchester Town

His Royal Highness this afternoon visited Heathlands, Jewish Homes for the Aged, Prestwich.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron. Royal Engineer Yacht Club, this evening attended a Dinner to mark the One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the Club at Barracks, Chatham, Brompton

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were represented by Mr Archibald Mackenzie (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Dunbartonshire) at the Memorial Service for Brigadier Alastair Pearson (for-merly Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Dunbartonshire) which was held in Glasgow Cathedral this

afternoon. The Prince of Wales was represented by Lieutenant-General Sir

ST JAMES'S PALACE May 23: The Prince of Wales this afternoon gave a Reception for stallholders from Croydon and Dudley Street Markets.

His Royal Highness this evening gave a Reception for members of the Polish Ex-Combatants PALACE OF

HOLYROODHOUSE May 23: The Princess Royal, Lord High Commissioner to the Gen-

engagements

The Queen and the Duke of anniversary and the redevelop-

Church, Main Street, at 4.30.

Legal appointment

Mr David John Lipman to be District Judge on the Midland and Oxford Circuit.

Today's birthdays

Sir James Anderton, former Chief Constable, Greater Manchester, 64; Mr Stanley Baxter, comedian, 70: the Duke of Bedford, 79: Sir Timothy Bevan, former chairman. Barclays Bank, 69; Mr Keith J. Budge, Headmaster, Loretto School, 39; Lord Campbell of Alloway, QC, 79; Mr Eric Cantona, footballer, 30; Sir Roden Cutler, VC, diplomat, 80; Mr Bob Dylan, singer. 55; Mr Peter Grif-fiths, MP. 68; Miss Kathleen Hale. author and illustrator, 98; Mr B.L. Hallward, former Vice-Chancellor, Nottingham University, 95; Dame Joan Hammond, opera and concert singer, 84; Mr Robert Hastie, Lord-Lieutenant of West Glamorgan, 63; Sir Terence Hei-ser, civil servant, 64; Sir Derek

The Son is the radiance of God's glory, the stamp of God's very being, and he su-tains the universe by his

ACKROYD - On May 21st, to Geraldine (née Wooler) and

Alexandra and James. ATMERSYCH - On 18th May. to Jame (not Hutching) and Christopher, a son, William Humphrey Offver, a Syother for Thomas and Hugh.

for Thomas and Hugh.

BALLARD - Cattlin Finn born
at The Purtland Hospital to
David and Alicon on Sunday
May 19th at 6.11 pm, sister
to Jos and Alex.

BURTOM - On May 19th, to
Sophia (née Colliett) and
James, a daughter. Phoebe
Cordelia.

CLORE MESHOULAN - On

CLOBE MESHOULAM - On 18th May, to Melanie and Yaron, a son, Theo Felix. FORME - On May 20th, to Clare (née Hysiop) and Mark, a son, Thomas Henry. Sadly he lived only a day. Our thanks for their loving care to all the staff at St Mary's. Peatimone.

HILL - On 21st May, to Jamey and Nick, a son, Edmund Robin Arthur, Viscount

Kilwarlin, a brother for isobella and Bestrics.

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BIRTH AND DEATH

NOTICES

To place your Birth or Death Notices over the May Bank Holiday period please call during the following times.

Saturday 25th May 9.30am - 12.30pm

Monday 27th May 9.30am - 12.30pm

Tel: 0171 680 6880. Fax: 0171 481 9313

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Hodgson, former High Court judge, 79: Baroness Hollis of Heigham, 55: Mr Clifford Irving, former chairman, executive coun cil Isle of Man Government, 82: Mr Christopher Jackson, former MEP, 61; Mrs Liz McColgan, athlete, 32; Colonel John Mayo, director-general. Help the Aged, 65; Mr Adrian Moorhouse, swimmer, 32; Mr Tony Mullett, former director-general. National Crim-inal Intelligence Service, 63; Mr Steven Norris, MP, 51; Mr Richard Ottaway, MP. 51; Mr Luke Rittner, former secretary-general, Arts Council of Great Britain, 49: Sir Edmund Sargant, solicitor, 90: Lord Justice Staughton, 63; Mr William Trevor, writer, 68: Mr Arnold Wesker, playwright, 64: the Earl of Woolton, 38.

BIRTHS

SEERDEM - On May 20th 1996 at The Portland Hopfini, to James A. and Christle C., a beautiful daughter, Sydney Anne Celestine at 2:29 am

TUBBING - On 16th May 1996 at The John Raddiffe Hospital. Oxford, by Marian (ace Trency) and Ben, a beautiful daughter, Katle

Maria Jacoba, a sister for Alice. Deo Gratias.

WRIGHT - On 19th May 1996, to Vicky (née Fullerton) and Maxwell, a

BAUM - Karl died peace

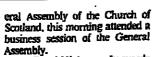
salum - Kari med pencerally at home May 22nd. Deeply mourned by his wife Margot. Cremation Sunday 25th May 11.30 am Golders Green Crematorium, Hoop Lane, NW11. No flowers please. Donations if desired to British Heart Foundation.

BRADLEY - Percy. Pencatully at home aged 107. Much loved father of Molya. Pumeral at St Pant's Church. Winchmore Hill on Priday 31st May at 11.30 am. Flowers to Senwants & Cn.

Flowers to Sexwards & Co., 448 Green Lane, London

metaus - Loromea en 22nd May, aged 94, after a short litness. Cremetion Friday May 31st 2.50 pm New Southpate Crematorium, Brunswick Park Road, N11. Flowers in Nelherootts, 160 Dariess Lune, Poltars Bar, FMM. (Pulyer Australia

DEATHS



Her Royal Highness afterwards visited the Netherbow Arts Centre, Edinburgh.

The Princess Royal this after-noon visited Belmont Castle, Meigle, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Perth and Kinross (Sir David Montgom-

Her Royal Highness later visited Mid Craigie Parish Church, Dundee, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the City of Dundee (Mr Mervyn Rolf,

The Princess Royal afterwards visited the Schools Out Project at Broughty Ferry West Church. Her Royal Highness this eve ning watched Beating Retreat at the Palace of Holyroodhouse by pupils of Scottish schools and subsequently attended a

The Princess Royal later gave a Dinner at the Palace Holyroodhouse. KENSINGTON PALACE

May 23: The Duke of Gloucester today visited Norfolk and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Norfolk (Sir Timothy Colman KG).

In the morning His Royal Highness opened the Wymondham Bridewell, Norwich Road,

In the afternoon The Duke of Gloucester, Grand Prior, the Order of St John, was present at a St John Ambulance training demonstration at Snetterton Race Circuit Snetterton

The Duchess of Gloucester today visited Royal Air Force Cranwell, Sleaford, and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Lincolnshire (Mrs Bridget Cracroft-Eley).

Luncheons

Today's royal

HM Government Mr Jeremy Hanky, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Afnor Foreign and Commonwealth Ar-fairs, was the host at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government at Lancaster House vesterday in honour of the Foreign Minister of the Edinburgh will visit Heathrow Airport at 11.30 to mark its fiftieth

The Princess Royal, as Lord High Ministry of Defence Field Marshal Sir Peter Inge, Chief of Heid Marshal Sir Peter Inge, Chief or the Defence Staff, was the host at a luncheon given by the Ministry of Defence yesterday at Admirally House in honour of the Chief of the Assembly of the Church of Scot-land, will visit Donaldsons College, West Coates, at 10.40; will visit Lady Haig's Poppy Factory, The Royal British Legion, Logie Green Defence Staff German Armed Forces. Mid Atlantic Club Road, Edinburgh, at 11.35; will M Dominique Moisi, Deputy Direc-tor of the Institut Français des Relations Internationales (IFRI), was visit McLean Primary School, Baldridgeburn Road, Dunfermline, at 3.15; will visit St Ninian's the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon held yesterday at Dart-mouth House. Mr Walter Lessing, Church, Allan Crescent, at 4.00; and will visit Rosyth Parish

Chairman of the club, presided. Caild of Editors Grand of Editors.

Mr John Griffth, President of the
Guild of Editors, and Mr Bob
Satchwell, chairman of the guild's parliamentary and legal committee were the hosts at a luncheon held yesterday at Bloomsbury House in

honour of Mr Peter Mandelson, HM Opposition spokesperson for the Duchy of Lancaster.

HMS Marlborough Admiral Sir Jeremy and Lady Black. Lieutenant-General Sir Anthony Mullens and Vice-Admiral and Mrs Mullens and Vice-Admiral and Mrs J.R. Brigstocke were among the guests at a dinner held last night onboard HMS Marlborough in Portsmouth Naval Base to mark the 290th amiversary of the Battle of Ramillies. Captain J.F. Rodley presided.

HAC Active Officers of the Honourable Artillery Company direct last night at Armoury House. Lieutenam-Colonel Simon Lalor, Commanding Officer, presided. General Sir Michael Wilkes, Colonel Commandant, Gen-

Wilkes. Colonel Commandant, General Sir Jeremy Mackenzie, Lieutenant-General Hew Pike, Major-General Geoffrey Field, Major-General Timothy Granville-Chapman, Major-General lain Mackay-Dick and Sir Moray Stewart were among those present.

3lst Signal Regiment (Volunteers) Lieutenant-Colonel R.T. Weston. Commanding Officer of the 31st Signal Regiment (Volunteers), was the host at the Mayor Making dinner held last night at Southfields Territorial Army Centre. The Mayor of Wandsworth, the Mayor and Mayoress of Kensington and Chelsea and the Mayor and Mayoress of Croydon attended.



Pat Lapham, co-ordinator of volunteers, working on the brickwork of a loth-century cottage that is being rebuilt brick by brick at the Chiltern Open Air Museum, Chalfont St Giles, Buckinghamshire. Volunteers expect to take two years to rebuild the cottage which originally stood on the site of the Queen Mary Reservoir near Shepperton Studios, Surrey, but was moved from there in 1920

Dinners

Loriners' Company King Husain of Jordan, accompani by Queen Noor, were the guests of honour at a livery dinner of the Loriners' Company held last night at the Mansion House and was received by the Lord Mayor and Lady May-oress. Mr John F.S. Northcott, Masner, presided. The Lord Mayor. King Husain and Mr John Bischoff, Upper Warden, also spoke. Among others

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present were the Vintners', Barbers', Saddlers', Painter-Stainers' and Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Companies, Captain Mark Phillips, the Canadian Delence Adviser and the Mayor of Lake Havasu City, Arizona.

HM Lord High Commissioner
The Princess Royal. Her Majesty's
Lord High Commissioner of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, gave a dinner last night at the Palace of Holyroodhouse. Among

the Palace of Holyroodhouse. Among those present were:
Mr Dorald and Lady Cecil Cameron, Ms Jan Clayton, Dr and Mrs John Cormack, Mr Gordon and Mrs Alison Davies, Mr and Mrs Brian Hammond, Mrs Gealdine Peacock, Professor Chris Rojek, Mr and Mrs Alistair Robertson, the Rev Tom and Mrs Scott, Dr and Mrs Andrew Welr, Professor and Mrs Andrew Welr, Professor and Mrs Bryan Williams and Mrs and Mrs Colin Williams. Leeds Philharmonic Society

The Lord Mayor and Lady May of Leeds attended a dinner held last night at the Civic Hall, Leeds, to mark the 125th anniversary of the Leeds Philharmonic Society. The Countess of Harewood, president, was in the chair. Mr David Lloyd-Jones and Mr John Brodwell, honor ary secretary, also spoke. Fruiterers Company

Mr M.J. Tanguy, Master of the Fruiterers' Company, presided, assisted by the Wardens at the annual audit court dinner held last night at Barber-Surgeons' Hall. Professor G.R. Dixon, Professor of Horticulture at Strathchyde University, and Mr E.C. Dilley also sooke E.C. Dilley also spoke.

Service dinners

School news

Wellington College, Crowthorne Berkshire

An Open Scholarship: Luke Fenn. Eagle House.

Eagle House. An Open Scholarship for merit in Science and Art: James Williams. Aldro School.

Aldro School.
Continuation Scholarship: Robert
Hemsley. Eagle House.
The Art Scholarship: Carl Ambrus.
King's House. Richmond.

Ethibitions: Alexander Mitchell.
Crosfields: Ian Barker for ment in
Maths, St Andrew's, Pangbourne;
Ewan Gorford, Eagle House;
Andrew Poole for merit in
Languages, Yateley Manor;
Amneet Rai, Aldro School; Simon
Petri Vareley Manor.

Junior Scholar from Eagle House Casey Harwood, Eagle House.

Academic Awards for Girls joining the Sixth Form: Victoria Heath-cote, Haberdashers' Monmouth School; Joanna Henry, Bodmin Community College; Sophie Collier, Rendcomb College. Sixth Form Maste Scholarship.

Wellington College is a Registered

Charity which exists to provide

Brigadier Donald Hardie, Lord-

Lieutenant of Dumbartonshire delivered the Eulogy. Mrs Francesca Wood, contralto,

Starlight, The White Cliffs of Dover and Lili Marlene.

Pipe Major David Ritchie, 297
Battery, 105 AD Regiment, RA (V) played Brigadier Alastair Pearson and Element of the Expert

The Secretary of State for Scot-

land was represented by Sir Rus-sell Hillhouse, Permanent Under-

Secretary of State for Scotland, and

the Parachute Regiment by Lieutenant-General Sir Rupert

Smith, General Officer Command-

ing, Northern Ireland. The Lord Provost of Glasgow,

the Provost of Dumbarton, the

and Flowers of the Forest.

Eton College The following boys have been The following boys have been elected to King's Scholarships:
H.E.F. Smith [Horris Hill], A.H.L. Fisher (Milbourne Lodge), R.M.D.W. Gilbert (Ludgrove), E.T. Brims (Elstree), A.O. Hussain (King's College School), K.E.K.Y. Lam (Sunningdale), P.A.H. Thomas (Beechwood Park), P.A.H. Chewide (Summer Fields), M.T. MacDonald (Newland House), M.J. Pannenheim (Dolohin Mat Donaid (Newisia House)
M.J. Pappenheim (Dolphin School), G.W.A. Horton (Cathedral Choir School, Ripon). S.A.E. Molyneux-Webb (Dragon School), M.E. Overton (Haileybury Junior School), G.S.J. Hilchcock (St George's, Windsor and Eton College)

George's, College). The following boys have qualified for the title Oppidan Scholar: F.J. Eckersley (Ludgrove), M.J.S. Beith (Westminster Under School), T.S. Carroll (Milbourne Lodge and Eton College), C.D.A. Wright (Caldicott), G.A.D. McDonald (Wellesley House).

The Annah Shaw Scholarship: N.W.H. Collon (Milbourne Lodge). The Oppidan Exhibition: J.A.D. Mikiel-Hunter (Milbourne Lodge).

Tonbridge School Academic Scholarships 1996

Scholarships have been awarded to the following (in order of merit): I Richard Owen, Vinehall; 2 Zhern Majoe, Holmewood House; 3 Thomas Latter, Holmewood House; 3 Thomas Latter, Holmewood House; 4 Andrew Rowson, Hilden Grange; 5 Stuart Cook, The New Beacon; 6 Alastair Jamieson. The New Beacon; 7 Matthew Train, Holmewood House; 8 Jamie McKerchar, Aberdour; 9 Paul Chishick, Vinehall; 10 Daniel Stevens, Holmewood House; 11 Hugo Bush, Aldru; 12 Daniel Caines, The New Beacon; 13 James Barnard, Yardley Court; 14 Thomas Lawes, Holmewood House; 15 William Waiter, The New Beacon; 16 Owain Shave, Feitonfleet; 17 Ben Sheffleld. St Bede's; 18 Jonathan Hollis, Papplewick; 19 David Anderson, Bickley Park; 20 Rhys Evans, Scholarships have been awarded

Brigadier Alastair Pearson

The Queen was represented by Mr Archibald MacKenzie, Vice Lord-

Lieutenant of Dunbartonshire, at a

memorial service for Brigadier

Alastair Pearson held vesterday in

Glasgow Cathedral. The Prince of

Wales was represented by Lieuten-ant-General Sir Michael Gray.

The Very Rev Dr William J. Morris, KCVO, Minister of Glas-gow Cathedral and Dean of the

Chapel Royal in Scotland, offici-ated, assisted by the Rev Ken Russell, Minister of Jamestown

Parish Church. The Rev James

Smith, Lieutenant-Colonel Steven

D. Cave and Mr lain Stuart, son-

in-law, read the lessons. Colonel Alan G. Rutherford read from

John Bunyan's The Pilgrim's

Progress.
General Sir Geoffrey Howlett,
Mr Miles Stuart, grandson, Mrs
Fiona Stuart, daughter, and Mr T.
Wallace McKie paid tribute.

Calls to the Bar

Easter term 1996: Call Day May 23 Lincoln's Inn

H D A Scott, Liversedge, West Yorkshire; A R Marican, Singapore: R A Williams. Wolverhamp-ton; S Finn, Manchester: J D The following Scholarships and Exhibitions have been awarded in Garrood, London W9; Mulgrew, Gateshead; L Figgest, Lytham, Lancashire; R W The Wellesley Scholarship and Major Music Scholarship: Tom Ohta, Milbourne Lodge School. The Benson Scholarship: Nicolas Gallagher, Caldicott. Newcombe, Barnet, Hertford-shire; Dr C B Seymour, Dundrum, Dublin, an Irish barrister: D P The Fisher Scholarship: John Percival, Yateley Manor. The West Scholarship: Daniel West, Papplewick. Davies, Radyr. Cardiff. a former solicitor, Miss M Clark, London WS, a New Zealand barrister. West, Papplewick.
The Richard Morrison Scholarship: Benedict Lewsley, Eagle House.

P Narayanan, Madras, India: Miss A J McCrory, London Ni6; Mrs A G Anuao, Victoria. Seychelles: T K Mukherjee, London N4; J S Canepa, Gibraltar, C B Austin, St Brelade, Jersey, R Collins, Stoke Bishop, Bristol.

Middle Temple

M B Browne, Preston, Lancashire; W J Morris, Learnington Spa, Warwickshire; Dr K Holland-Ellion, Boughton, Kent: P J Kelly, Blackrock, Co Dublin, Eire; P E Wightman, East Grinstead, West Sussex: Miss K K Khubchand-Daswani, Gibraltar, Miss A C Wetherfield, Richmond, Surrey, P. A Caulfield, Whitley Bay, Tyne & Wear; F P O'Dubhghaill, Barrister of Ireland, Glencorrig, Gloumhuane, Cork; Miss L A O'Sullivan, Barrister of Ireland, Tivoli, Cork: S O'Donovan. Bar rister of Ireland, Ovens, Cork; Miss A Lindsay. Barrister of Ireland, Cork; J J Lucey. Barrister of Ireland, Cork.

Grav's Inn A F Marshall, Farnborough, Hampshire: D J James, Knaresborough, Yorkshire; T J Howard East Boldon, Tyne and Wear: C W P R Evans, Hadfield, via Hyde, Cheshire: S A H Roy, Camden, London: F P D Wiley, Westminster, London: K R Molloy, Belfast: C R Myles, Nortingham; R W T Beel, Hong Kong; J C McCrudden. Oxford; N M Tatlow, a former

solicitor, Stoke on Trent, Chi Keung Wilfred Tsui, Shatin, Hong Kong,

Reception

To Professor Dr Hans Kung Sir Sigmund Sternberg and the Revd Dr John Bowden held a reception at the Reform Club yesterday to mark the publication of Yes to a Global Ethic by Professor Dr Hans Kung.

Latest wills

Provost of Clydebank, Mr and Mrs David Covell, Mr and Mrs Randal Stewart (step-brothers-in-Mr Paul Clark-Eddington, of London SEI, Paul Eddington, the law and step-sisters) and many other friends attended. actor, left estate valued at £237,715

Forthcoming marriages

Mr P.C. Aston and Miss A.R. Thomas The engagement is announced between Philip Charles, son of the Revd and Mrs Glyn Aston, of Gwernesney, Monmouthshire, and Alison Rose, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Rees Thomas, of Croesyceiliog, Torlaen. Mr.P.M. Boyle

and Miss J. Briefly The engagement is announced between Patrick, third son of Mr and Mrs R.H.M. Boyle, of Millport, Isle of Cumbrae, and Jane, youngest daughter of the late Mr P.T. Brierly and of Mrs K. Brierly, of Uprainster, Essex.

Mr S.J. Bright and Miss H.I.P. Barker The engagement is announced setween Steven, son of Mr and Mrs John Bright, of Ekham. Greenwich, and Harriet, daughter of Rev and Mrs Julian Barker, of Repton, Derbyshire. Dr M.H.K. Bulmer

and Miss I.C. Lloyd
The engagement is amnounced between Mark, son of Mr Esmond Bulmer, of Poston. Herefordshire, and Lady Wiggin, of Axbridge, Somerset, and Ingrid, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Lloyd, of Woldingham, Surrey.

Mr G.L. Cragoe and Miss T.A.S. Newall

The engagement is announced between Guy, son of the late Mr Colin Cragoe and of Mrs Patricia Cragoe, of Ticehurst, East Sussex, and Tara, daughter of the late Major R.A.S. Newall and of Mrs Sheila Newall, of Lucks Cottage, Affpuddle, Dorset. Mr G.J.M. Dawson

and Miss E. Durden-Smith The engagement is announced between Gordon, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Michael Dawson, of Hunton, Kent, and Emma, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Neil Durden-Smith, of Highgate, London.

Mr J.S. de Rohan and Miss A.J. Norbury The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs Maurice de Rohan, of London, and Alison, eldest daughter of the late Dr Hugh Norbury and of Mrs Janet Norbury, of Loughborough.

Mr N.G. Porter and Miss M-C. Garfield The engagement is announced between Nigel, son of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Porter, of Finchfield. Wolverhampton, and Marie-Claire, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Garfield, of Chilworth, Southamoton.

Mr T.J.W. Rickman and Miss I.F. Nyman The engagement is announced, with great pleasure, between Isabel, younger daughter of Michael and the late Patricia Nyman, of Hindhead, and Timothy, son of Mr and Mrs Robin Rickman, of Mr N.D. Roulier and Miss G.H. Doyle

The engagement is announced between Nicolas, son of Mr and Mrs C.A. Roulier, of Chobham, Surrey, and Gabrielle, daughter of Mr and Mrs H.J. Doyle, of Knebworth. Hertfordshire.

and Miss M. Newman The engagement is announced between Benedict, youngest son of Mr Michael Francis, of Ewelme,

Oxfordshire, and Mrs Camilla Francis, of Chichester, and Melissa, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs Neil Newman, of Kingwood,

Mr J.M. Heat and Miss D.A. Patterson

The engagement is announced between Julian, son of Mr and Mrs Colin Hunt, of Strawberry Hill, Middlesex, and Deborah, daughter of Mrs Richard Patterson, and stepdaughter of Mr Richard Patterson, of Perth. Scotland.

Mr A.J. Maybev and Miss AJ.C. Clarkson The engagement is announced

between Angus, younger son of Mr and Mrs Philip Mayhew, of The Old Rectory, Beechingstoke, Wilt-shire, and Juliet, daughter of Mr and Mrs Gerald Clarkson, of Crouch Lane Farm, Winkfield, Berkshire.

Mr P.W. Robinson and Miss L.C. Appleton

The engagement is announced between Patrick, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Jolyon Robinson, of Beldorney, Glass, Aberdeenshire, and Lorraine, daughter of Mrs Jillian Appleton, of Marshlands, Steep Marsh. Petersfield.

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Mr G. Rowe and Miss E.L. Searson A marriage has been arranged, and will shortly take place, between Graham Rowe, second son of Mr and Mrs Donald Rowe, of Duffy, Act, Australia, and Emma Louise Searson, daughter of Mr and Mrs Huw Griffith, of Foys,

Popham, Hampshire, Mr A.E.A. Tiana and Miss F.M. FitzGerald The engagement is announced between Andrea, younger son of Mr and Mrs Luigi Tiana. of Milan, and Fiona, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Alastair Fitz-

Gerald, of Maiden Bradley. Wiltshire. Marriages

Mr C.R.P. Bigham and Miss C.J. Worthington The marriage took place on Sat-urday at St Michael's, Raddington, of Mr Charles Bigham, eldest son of the Hon David and Mrs Bighani, and Miss Worthington, daughter of Colonel and Mrs John Worthington. The Rev Graham Owen and the Rev

Richard Crossland officiated. The bride was given in marriage by her father. Mr Charles Villiers A reception was held at the home

of the bride and the honeymoon is being spent abroad. Mr S.P.R. Wilkinson

and Miss H.B. Guppy
The marriage took place on Saturday, May 18, 1996, in Southampton, of Mr Simon Peter Ronald Wilkinson, son of Mr and Mrs P.J. Wilkinson, of Droitwich Spa, Worcestershire, and Miss Helen Bridget Guppy, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.R. Guppy, of Hitchin, Hertfordshire

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Gabriel Daniel Fahrenheit, inventor of the mercury thermometer, Gdansk, 1686; Jean Paul Marat, revolutionary, Neuchatel, Switzerland, 1743; Thomas Duncan, painter, Kindaven, Perthshire, 1807; John Henry Foley, sculptor, Dublin, 1818; Queen Victoria, reigned 1837-1901, Kensington Palace, 1819; Sir Arthur Wing Pinero, dramatist, London, 1855; Jan Christiaan Smuts. Prime Minister of South Africa 1919-24 and 1939-48, Riebeck West, Cape Colony, 1870.

DEATHS: David I, King of Scot-land 1124-53, Carlisle, 1153; Copernicus, astronomer, Frembork, Poland, 1543; Robert Cecil, 1st Earl of Salisbury, statesman, Mari-borough, Wiltshire, 1612: Jane Porter, novelist, Bristol, 1850: William Lloyd Garrison, abolitionist, New York, 1879; Samuel Palmer, landscape painter. Reigate, 1881;

Archibald Wavell, 1st Earl Wavell, field marshal, Viceroy of India 1943-47, London. 1950: John Foster Dulles, US Secretary of State 1953-59. Washington, 1959; Duke -Ellington, pianist and bandleader, New York, 1974. Dartmoor prison was opened to

house French prisoners-of-war. Westminster Bridge opened over

the Thames, 1862. Brooklyn Bridge opened over the East River, 1883. HMS Hood was sunk by the Bismarck off Greenland, 1941.

Service luncheon Propeller Club

TRADE: 0171 481 1982

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SERVICES

Mr Richard J. Sayer, was the guest speaker at a luncheon of the Propeller Club of the United States, Port of London, held yesterday in Grosvenor Square. Cap-tain G. Helliniakakis presided. Mr Duncan Lyons also spoke.

BMDS: 0171 680 6880 PRIVATE: 0171 481 4000

BIRTHS

HULSBOROUGH - See HILL

Johnson - On 21st May in London. to Elise and Roderick, a daughter, Selma May, a sister for Georgins. Roland and Joanna.

LAWRENCE - On May 13th to Anna-Louise (née Harper) and David, a son, Edward David, a brother for Benedict.

MAUGHAN - On 16th May, to Sine thie Overgaard) and Jon, "En strok lille daths." Amelia Benedicte.

MeMAHON - On May 201

to Andrew and Kathleen (née Devies), at Latrobe Hospital, Tasmania, a daughter,

MRLINGTON-WALLACE -Christing and Miles are delighted to announce the

at 05.37 on 22nd May 1996.

PERSON - On 22nd May, to Richard and Vicky, a son, George Alexander, a brother for Charlie, James and

RILEY - On 17th May

Greenwich Hospital, to Nicola (née Prime) and

Martin, 2 son, James Samuel Henry, a brother for William, Charlotte and

Memorial service

PERSONAL COLUMN

DEATHS DEATHS **DEATHS** DEATHS pessed away pescentily a home. Kenneth Bedford Brotchie O.B.E., aged 90 LEVACK - On May 22nd at King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst, Laurence Claude, Ring Edward VII Hospital.
Miditurst, Laurence Claude,
dearly loved husband of
Branch, beloved brother of
Betty and Jean. Funeral
Service at Worthing
Crematorium on Thursday,
May Soth at 12.40 pm.
Family flowers only please.
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OBITUARIES

Patrick Cargill, actor and dramatist, died yesterday aged 77. He was born on June 3, 1918.

PATRICK CARGILL was the star of two immensely popular situation com-edies of the 1970s, Father, Dear Father and The Many Wives of Patrick. The first of these elevated Cargill from a familiar-looking character actor whose name no one could ever quite remember to a household hero among harassed fathers of teenage daughters. Having come up the hard way, through years of repertory theatre. Cargill was amused by the sudden rise in his stock: "It's perfectly hilarious the way I get accosted by everyone from bowler-hatted business types on the Tube to Covent Garden porters, telling me they have daughters like mine. Apparently having daughters is a perfectly classless thing."

Cargill was a light, suave actor, whose impeccable comic talents were not notably stretched by some of the television work he took on. They were seen to better advantage in a production such as the Caryl Brahms and Ned Sherrin adaptation of Feydeau farces, Ooh La Lal, in the late 1960s. Contrary to the sort of parts he played. Cargill was neither a worn-down father nor an habitual womaniser in real life. He was a bachelor who surrounded himself at home with a regular menagerie of animals, and who talked about acting with schoolboyish enthusiasm. But fate had given him the sort of sharp, haughty face and heavy-lidded, world-weary expression which immediately conjured up libertines and villains. It was a face reminiscent of dry Martinis and white Jaguars.

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Edward Sydney Patrick Cargill seemed destined from childhood for a very different life. His father was a major in the Indian Army. After his younger brother had died in a boating accident in India, Patrick reluctantly considered himself bound for a military career in order to please his father. He went from Haileybury to Sandhurst then on to India as a young officer. But he changed his mind when he was out there and resigned his

Family tradition had collided with the smell of the greasepaint, and lost. Cargill had grasped every opportunity to appear on stage as a youth, having taken his first role in a school play as Lady Macbeth. He returned to Britain with ten shillings in his pocket. He made his inauspicious professional debut at Bexhill-on-Sea, dressed as Adam in the Garden of Eden wearing nothing but a pair of green fig-leaf swimming trunks. But the war briefly pulled him back to the Army and he returned to India, this time as an entertainments officer.

After the war he returned to Britain and to 15 years in repertory theatre. He maintained that a grounding in the theatre was essential for any actor, even for one who wanted to specialise in film and television. The often hilarious, sometimes dispiriting, slog of long runs, back-to-back performances and crowded dressing rooms made Cargill resilient, brought him many friends in the businesss and provided him with a fund of amusing anecdotes.

He remembered one particular occasion, when he was appearing in an PATRICK CARGILL



Cargill, left, as Patrick Glover with his two screen daughters, played by Natasha Pyne and Ann Holloway, and Jeremy Child as Timothy in Father, Dear Father, 1972

in A Countess from Hong Kong.

In 1967 Cargill had his big break

when he was offered the chance of his

own television situation comedy on

ITV. Father, Dear Father was written

especially for him and cast Cargill as

Patrick Glover, a talented thriller-

writer, but a hopelessly inept father of

two mini-skirted teenage daughters.

The show was an enormous popular

success, not only in Britain but abroad.

Cargill's urbane character became so

popular in Australia that he lived for a

while in Sydney to make a special

The adaptations of the Georges

Feydeau farces were first televised in

the late 1960s, and repeated many

times. Cargill played a different char-

acter in each of the one-hour dramas.

An excellent supporting cast was gathered around him, which included

Judi Dench, Joan Sims, Richard Briers

antipodean version of the series.

Agatha Christie play, and had to cry: "You mean it's . . . " before the interval curtain came down. Cargill delivered the cliff-hanging line, stood there pointing his finger, and waited hopefully. The curtain remained stubbornly raised. He repeated the line several times with mounting embarrassment: "You can't mean it", "Do you really mean to say it's ... " before eventually shuffling off into the wings, to find the offending stagehand, drunk, and unconscious next to the curtain.

In his youth Cargill was often cast as villains, and he played these with the right degree of silken treachery. Gradually he diversified into cornedy. He learnt a good deal about comic timing from his hero, Tony Hancock, and he played the Scottish doctor in Hancock's famous episode The Blood Donor. There he uttered the immortal line, "Yes, Mr Hancock, but we're not all Rob Roys".

He began to write his own scripts and plays and staged a comedy set in a sanatorium, co-written with Jack Beale, Time on Their Hands, at the Q Theatre in 1954. Ring for Catty (1956). again set in a hospital, was another moderate success at the Lyric. A more recent play, Don't Misunderstand Me. which he toured all over Britain in the 1980s, is about to be performed in

During the 1960s, with middle age looming, Cargill's professional prospects improved markedly. The revue

High Spirits at the Hippodrome and Bernard Cribbins. There was an brought good notices, and he became elegance about the plays, and an extravagence of language which took to television audiences through his performance as a secret Cargill a long way from the occasional agent in Top Secret, and via appearbanalities he had to utter in modern ances on The Avengers and The situation comedy, and he was grateful Prisoner. He notched up three-and-a-half years in the successful West End for the change of pace.

Father, Dear Father ran until 1973.

comedy Boeing-Boeing at the Apollo, In 1976 Cargill returned to the small screen with The Many Wives of and played Inspector Gluck in the new Beatles film, Help! In 1966, while appearing in Say Who You Are at Her Patrick, about a middle-aged playboy who is trying to divorce his sixth wife Majesty's, he was spotted by Charlie in order to remarry his first. That show Chaplin, and chosen to play the part of ran until 1980. Hudson, the gentleman's gentleman.

Cargill had been one of the inescapable faces of television comedy during the 1970s. In the last decade of his life he returned to his first love, the stage. He starred as Gordon in Key For Two at the Vaudeville (1983); Sir Joseph Porter (the Ruler of the Queen's Navee) in HMS Pinafore at Queen Elizabeth Hall; and took the title role in Captain Beaky at the Playhouse in 1990. Recently he toured with British Airways Playhouse, run by his friend Derek Nimmo.

When he was young, he had shared his home in Sheen with a cat, hamster, monkey, dog and parrot. In 1987 he moved to Henley, and lived with his ward, James Markowski, and a housekeeper. His health had been frail since last December when it was discovered that he had cancer. But he refused to give up hope, and was determined to beat the illness until only a few days

MICHAEL STOBBS

Michael Stobbs, Fellow of Trinity Hall, Cambridge, and assistan director of research in the Department of Materials Science and Metallurgy, died from a beart attack on April 26 aged 51. He was born on August 11, 1944.

MICHAEL STOBBS acquired international status as a pioneer of new techniques in electron microscopy. The application of Stobbs's techniques for examining the structure and composition of materials has not only changed the ways in which electron microscopes have been used but has also influenced the way in which modem advanced microscopes are designed.

He was a man who thrived on diversity and the breadth of his work was unparalleled. He led the thinking in a range of widely differing fields of materials science. The key to his extraordinary scope lay in the absolute clarity with which he was able to see thematic links within all areas of his research. Striving to improve the properties of materials, Stobbs initiated an approach to electron microscopy in which the problems he encountered could be solved through the development of new methodologies. Academi-cally and industrially his in-

fluence has been far-reaching. Stobbs was, indeed, much more than an inventor of techniques. His approach allowed him to touch the very heart of a problem — and the solving of complex problems with materials was his abiding passion. He saw no point in developing a useful technique for its own sake, and he put his inventions to immediate practical use. He particu-larly enjoyed challenging outmoded theories and dogmas.

Many of his papers led to the reappraisal of previously accepted mechanisms, and this initiated a lively and welcome liaison between the academic and the industrial. His sudden death came at a time when he was leading investigations into the understanding of interface controlled properties and

transformations. William Michael Stobbs went up to Cambridge in 1963 where he read Natural Sciences as an Exhibition Scholar at St John's. Graduation was followed by three years in the Cavendish Laboratories, where he did his PhD, and it was during this time that he determined to pursue a research-based career. Industry immediately ac-

knowledged his potential and he was made a CEGB Research Fellow - a post which he held jointly with the Goldsmiths Research Fellowship at



Churchill College. In 1970 he became a Staff Fellow at Trinity Hall. He also held the Royal Society Armourers and Brasiers Research Fellowship and in 1977 was appointed as an assistant director of research in the Department of Metallurgy and Materials Science under the professorship of Sir Robert Honeycombe (as he now is), who gave him the responsibility of developing research and research-training in the area of transmission

electron microscopy. It was in this capacity that Stobbs was to realise his essential aim in helping postgraduates to become what he felt were "good" scientists. For him this involved the pursuit of truth — about which there could be no compromise. A deep moral passion was the driving force behind all his achievements and endeav-

ours.

He was a kind, optimistic and warm-hearted man who had an unshakeable belief in the potential of his students. The number who have gone on to prominent academic or industrial positions is a testament to his innovative thinking and untiring enthusiasm. Stobbs will be remembered for the way in which he threw himself into projects with unreserved energy and for the astonishing speed with which he was able to assimilate data. He was always excited by the unexpected course a piece of work might take and drew enormous inner satisfaction from seeing a student develop into a scientist. To many he was a mentor.

Michael Stobbs edited the Journal of Microscopy and was made editor of the Philosophical Magazine in 1990. Typically, he did this almost single-handedly and was grateful for the opportunity it gave him to explore new fields. He loved to learn in this way. He was made a Doctor of Science in 1955 and awarded the Rosenhain Medal of the Institute of Metals in 1990.

Stobbs spent periods working in the United States and Japan but always returned to Cambridge, where he regarded his college, Trinity Hall, as his second home. He never found much satisfaction in lecturing, and yet Trinity Hall was where he committed himself to undergraduates. For nearly twenty years he was director of studies in Natural Sciences and in this capacity he shaped the lives of many undergraduates through his personal teaching and his sensitivity as a tutor.

Stobbs cared deeply about undergraduates' wellbeing and progress. He believed wholeheartedly in the merits of the collegiate system, and for several years played a major role in undergraduate admissions in the sciences.

Michael Stobbs had a distinctive physical appearance, and he dressed as he liked and rarely as convention would have it. He was an immediately recognisable figure in Cambridge as he walked at a considerable pace from department to college, deep in thought. He was a man devoted to his family, of whom he was immensely proud. He derived enormous pleasure from family life and always acknowledged the strength and support that his family gave him.

He is survived by his wife, Susan, whom he married in 1965, and by their two sons.

WILLIAM LAWRENCE

William Lawrence, Chief Constable, South Wales Constabulary, since 1989, died of cancer on May 21 aged 53. He was born on September 21, 1942.

THE longest serving Chief Constable of the South Wales police force, Robert Lawrence successfully led his team through one of the most

difficult periods in its history. A man of great determination, he was involved in tough and tense negotiations with the Home Office in 1993 at the height of a financial crisis when serious underfunding put the efficiency and effectiveness of his force under threat. With his officers working in run-down buildings and driving patrol cars with more than

150,000 miles on the clock, Lawrence gave warning that, unless the Government could provide him with more money, he would have to consider serious manpower cuts. This, he said could result in chaos. Lawrence's ultimate successs in gaining the necessary funds was a tribute to his

tenacity.
In 1993 he attracted consid-

erable press attention when he urged members of the Royal Family to stop visiting South Wales because, in the face of severe budget cuts, he could no longer afford to guard them. Visits from the Prince of Wales, he said, involved diverting funds from other policing projects.

was born in Ystradgynlais,

Powvs. and educated at Maesydderwen Grammar School. He began his police

William Robert Lawrence

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career in 1961 when he joined the Mid Wales Constabulary. later to become part of Dyfed-Powys Police. He was promoted to sergeant in 1970, inspector in 1972 and three years later, in 1975, to chief In 1978 he was transferred to the West Mercia police on promotion to superintendent

and, in 1982, was promoted to chief superintendent in the role of divisional commander. A year later he was appointed Assistant Chief Constable of Staffordshire Police, later being promoted once more to the rank of Deputy Chief Constable and subsequently. Acting Chief Constable. He also studied during this time with the Open University and gained a BA in 1988.

On May 1, 1989, Lawrence took over the helm as Chief Constable of the South Wales Constabulary. But he never forgot his roots and carried out his role as a Chief Constable with attentive concern for

It is legitimate to ask what purpose the dramatist had in mind in making use of the

Biblical story, and it is fatal to the play if the question remains unanswered. What Mr. Lawrence has done here is clear enough: he

has filled out the story of Saul, rather than of

David, with the peculiar intensity of language he invariably uses—the sort of language he cannot help using. Why he should have chosen

this particular story we cannot say. The manner of its telling is this:—And Samuel, prophet of God, said to Saul, King of Israel:

Because you would not sacrifice the cattle of the Amalekites to the Lord, but sought to distribute them among the people of Israel, you are rejected of God. I will go find another

to be the Lord's anointed. And Samuel went to

the house of Jesse, and anointed his youngest

son David, in whose limbs ran the Heavenly

flame. And Saul sought to destroy David.

whose body was a flame, whose soul was a

flame, and whose kinedom was a kinedom of

flame. And because of the flame David fled

from the wrath of Saul, and Jonathan

prophesied that he would come truly into his

the lot of the "bobby on the beat".

A compassionate man and an attentive listener, Lawrence believed that policing was all about people. He was also a challenging conversationalist with an acute memory and a remarkable ability to encompass and understand the finest details. His breadth of vision extended well beyond policing

In 1991 he was awarded the Queen's Police Medal. He also held the Police Long Service and Good Conduct Medal and served as a Brother in the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of

He was a vociferous spectator at police rugby matches, a keen fisherman and a supporter of amateur boxing. He was also an enthusiastic golfer and even while recovering from major surgery during his last illness would continue, with typical determination, to play all 18 holes on the course.

He is survived by his wife Kathleen and by a daughter and a son.



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Not perhaps the most accessible of D.H. Lawrence's works, this biblical play brought together some notable performers including Robert Harris, Angela Baddeley and Frank Vosper.

kingdom of flame only after the death of

Here is Mr Lawrence's theme, and, im-pressed as we often are by the vehemence of his impassioned words, we are bound to say that the result is neither drama nor poetry. Truth to tell, this unending insistence on the verbal symbols of mysticism grows wearisome long before the last of the 16 scenes. Flames of life and love and spirit, if they are meant for the theatre at all, need to be illustrated in common or uncommon actions; merely to speak of them in dark hints conveys nothing. In two scepes only are we brought into the

drama of Saul and David: where David and Jonathan exchange robes, taking outh of their friendship, and where Saul is visited by evil spirits, while David sings to restore him to his kingly mind, we are conscious of more than curiosity at Mr. Lawrence's experiment. But there is hardly anything else in the play which tempts us to lose our detachment. It is a difficult piece to act, and Mr. Peter Creswell, as Saul, was called upon to bear the third hundre. With principle at the too third part.

chief burden. His voice is rather too thick and indistinct for the passion of eloquence his part requires, and, intense as was his bearing, we missed many shades of meaning in his performance. The Samuel of Mr. Harcount Williams was not more satisfactory, although for a quite different reason; his seemed a rather careless study, entirely wanting in the nervous force one would suppose essential to a major prophet. The David of Mr. Robert Harris and the Jonathan of Mr. Frank Vosper were much better; and most satisfying of all was the Michal of Miss Angela Baddeley, who pictured for us something of the beauty that, it was evident, lay like a weight on Mr. Lawrence's mind. While she was on the stage we could imagine what went on in the mind of Saul. She looked very lovely and possessed of more spirit than Saul or David or the whole company of prophets.

Rifkind warns of long 'beef war'

■ Malcolm Rifkind warned Europe last night that Britain's campaign of non-co-operation may continue until the autumn unless there is agreement to lift the beef ban.

The Foreign Secretary hardened Britain's position over the beef crisis after John Major held the first meeting of his socalled "war cabinet" to decide tactics in the offensive against the rest of the European Union ...

Victim of 'road rage' begged for mercy

A girl who saw her fiance stabled to death during a "road rage" attack last Sunday described how she pleaded with the killer not to hurt him. Danielle Cable, 17, a waitress, said other motorists near the M25 in Kent ignored her requests and she was helpless as her boyfriend, Stephen Cameron, 21, died in her arms...

Fighting Howard

Lord Taylor, the Lord Chief Justice, backed by former Tory ministers and other peers, told the Government they would seek to block flagship plans for tougher ..Page! jail sentences. Hacker's US attack

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A teenage hacker in London took

Washington said Labour's loss Rumours of a affair between two

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Shoko Asahara, the leader of the

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The Kashmir Valley's first polls in seven years undermined India's promise of a free and fair poll. People were forced out of their homes by soldiers and ordered to vote Page 15

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Aum Shinrikyo cult, ordered disciples to mass produce nerve gas and test its power in the streets of a town north of Tokyo, prosecutors told a court...... Page 14

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who picked him up in a bar, the to pass secrets to British diplo-Old Bailey was toldPage 8 mats in MoscowPage 16

French honour Briton's courage A British woman who joined the French Foreign Legion in 1940 and played a key role in one of the most important Second World War battles has been awarded the coveted Légion d'honneur. Suzan Schlegelmich (née Travers), 86, was presented with the award at her home outside Paris this week

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Adam Faith, the actor, with eight-month-old Josh Wells at yesterday's launch of the Heart of Britain fund-raising campaign, which aims to raise £1.5 million for the Royal Brompton Hospital in London. Josh has undergone heart surgery at the hospital

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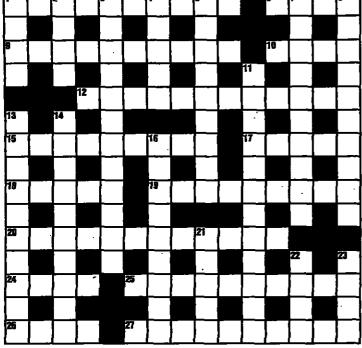
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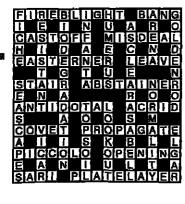
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Scotland and Northern Ireland will have bright or sunny weather with showers. Over Scotland the showers may be prolonged at times, and perhaps thundery, but much of the showeriness will peter out by

□ London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, E Midlands, Channel Isles, SW England: overcast and wet. Rain gradually clearing from north. Brighter later. Winds strong southwest, easing. Cool. Max

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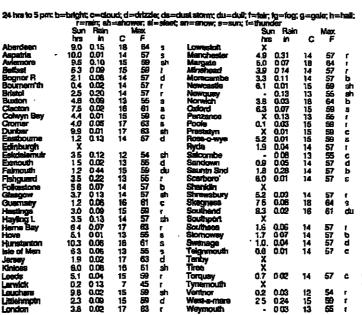
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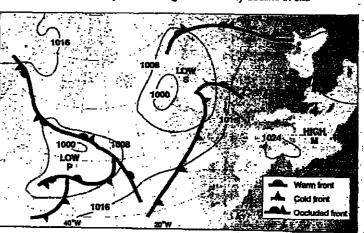
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Winds moderate southwest, gusting Saturday, rain on Sunday, though northern Scotland staying bright.

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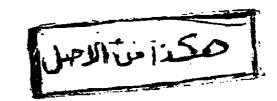
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FRIDAY MAY 24 1996

Japanese bank in line to buy MoD married quarters

NOMURA INTERNATIONAL, the Japanese bank, is on the shortlist for the £1.6 billion privatisation of Ministry of Defence married quarters.
It is one of four names recommended to Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, by NatWest

The others are British Land, the property giant, ING Barings, the merchant bank, and a consortium led by John Beckwith, the property developer, and backed by Lehman Brothers, the US bank.

The price tag is in the region of

E1.6 billion, slightly more than the ministry had expected when it put the portfolio of 55,000 homes on the market last year.

However, it is understood that NatWest Markets rejected an even higher offer because of fears about

the bid's financial credibility.

Nineteen bidders put in offers for the portfolio, which has a rental income of £107 million a year but needs a great deal of work. More than 2,700 of the homes are currently vacant.

Nomura's bid is sure to cause a political storm. The Army Families' Federation has already written to

sold to a Japanese buyer. Nomura caused controversy last

year when it snapped up a third of Britain's trains in a £628 million deal as part of the privatisation of British Rail.
British Land, John Ritblat's prop-

erty group, which owns Plantation House in the City, is believed to be one of the strongest contenders. It is backed by Morgan Stanley, the

The offer from Beckwith Capital Partners is the latest stage in the re-

emergence of John Beckwith and his brother Peter in the property mar-ket. John Beckwith left London & Edinburgh Trust, the company they founded, in 1993 after its takeover by SPP, the Swedish group.

The brothers recently took control of Harlequins, the rugby union football club, through Riverside, their sports club company.

Among the bids thrown out by NatWest were two consortia backed by Halifax and Nationwide, Britain's largest building societies. The Halifax consortium offered about £1.45 billion and included Legal & General, the insurer, and the prop-

Owen Inskip, of Johnson Fry, said: "If this is viewed as a purely financial transaction, problems will emerge if there is not serious housing management experience in

The Nationwide bid was for a similar amount and involved Schroders, the merchant bank, and Bradford Property Trust, Britain's

largest rented homes group.

Among other bids rejected were ones from Godfrey Bradman, the former Rosehaugh chief who was backed by Barclays, and a venture

Venture Managers and Deutsche Morgan Grenfell.

The privatisation of the married quarters, which are spread over 800 sites from Kensington to Devonport, has brought a great deal of criticism from MPs.

Mr Portillo was forced to admit in a House of Commons written answer in March that rents may rise by more than inflation as a result of the privatisation. And James Arbuthnot, Minister of State for Defence Procurement, is shortly to face the Commons Defence Select Committee to defend the

Roddicks turn

down salary

rise to £300,000

By Sarah Cunningham

GORDON RODDICK, the

chairman of Body Shop, and Anita Roddick, its chief execu-

tive, have once again taken the moral high ground, buck-

ing the trend for huge board-

The couple have declined a

uggestion from the compa-

ny's remuneration committee

that they each be paid

£300,000 per year, the annual

Instead they are to be paid

£135,000 each, which is less

than the company's manag-

ing director, legal director

and director in charge of its

The couple's gesture looks

less magnanimous, however,

if one takes into account the

fact that the Body Shop, criticised in the past for being

mean with its dividend, this

year increased it by lp to 3.4p. One effect of this is that the

Roddicks, the two largest

shareholders, will both re-

ceive about £240,000 more

than last year in dividend

payments. Taking these into account, each will take home

Also to be borne in mind is

that fact that Mr Roddick himself chairs the committee

nearty £1 million.

room pay rises.

US operations.

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Anita and Gordon Roddick's basic pay, up from £123,000 last year, will be supplemented by benefits which take them both to £148,000.

which made the recommen-

dation on pay. His wife is also

on the committee, along with the company's two non-execu-

A spokesman for the Body Shop said Mr Roddick had no

explanation for not taking the

big pay rise: "He quite simply

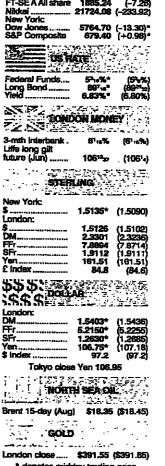
did not want to accept it," he

tive directors.

Dividends on Anita Roddick's 24,010,456 shares will provide her with an additional £816,355, compared with £576,251 in 1995.

Her husband's 24,226,680 shares will provide him with £823.707 in dividends, compared with £581,440 last year.

The company set up the remuneration committee last year. It is in charge of setting pay and conditions for the executive directors and it takes independent advice to ensure that they are in line with those at comparable



Storehouse

Storehouse, the Mothercare to Bhs retail group, managed to squeeze more money out of sales last year, helping to arive pre-tax profits up by 21 per cent, to £109.9 million, in the year to March 30. Gross margins rose by more than 1.5 percentage points. Page 27

Merger

Half of the 46,700 shareholders in Royal Insurance need to vote in favour of the merger with Sun Alliance to ensure that deal goes through next month. They must account for 75 per City Diary, page 29 cent of the equity value.

CBI fears prolonged slump at factories

By PHILIP BASSETT AND JANET BUSH

BRITAIN'S manufacturing industry remains weak, new evidence from business shows today, the day after Government figures suggested that manufacturing is likely to perform poorly for some months to come.

Manufacturing orders are at their lowest for two and a ears, the Confederation of British Industry says today. and an increase in retail sales yesterday suggested that the service sector is continuing to

outperform manufacturing. In its latest monthly industrial trends survey today, the CBI says that manufacturing demand remains weak, with orders again below normal in

A net balance of 17 per cent of companies surveyed those saying orders are above normal set against those saying they are below - reported order books below their usual levels. The CBI says this figure, the same as the order book level in April, shows clearly that orders are not improving. Manufacturing orders have now been below normal for nine successive months, and are at their lowest level in a CBI monthly

survey since December 1993. While manufacturers expect output to rise over the next four months. CBI analysts acknowledge an increasing gap between what companies lieve they will see and their performance. Although export demand improved slightly last month, export orders are still

Business leaders are con-cerned that the build-up in stocks of finished goods — the CBI's survey of 1,300 manufacturers shows the highest recorded level of stocks since June 1991 — poses a threat to the industry's recovery. CBI leaders say the stock build-up suggests manufacturers "could be disappointed by the pace of growth over the com-

CABLE AND WIRELESS

said yesterday that it is hold-

ing partnership talks with a

variety of international com-

panies in the wake of the

failure of its merger negotia-

News of the various talks

came as C&W reported a 59 per cent rise in pre-tax profits.

to £1.34 billion, in the year to

the March 31, on turnover of

£5.52 billion, up 7 per cent.

tions with BT.

Sudhir Junankar, CBI associate economics director, says: "Manufacturing demand is likely to remain weak while the slight revival in exports over the past month remains fragile as short-term growth prospects in our key European

markets are poor. A more detailed breakdown of growth in the fourth quar ter, published yesterday by the Office for National Statistics. suggested that manufacturing is likely to remain weak for some months.

Gross domestic Gross domestic product rose by 0.4 per cent in the first quarter, up 2 per cent year on year. While this was unchanged from the preliminary estimate, exports and investment remained weak. Far from starting to draw down huge stocks built up last year when firms were caught out by falling demand at home and in key European export markets, companies built up

stocks even further. The build-up of stocks last year added significantly to economic growth. Conversely, when companies eventually start cutting stock levels, GDP will be depressed.

Andy Cates, of stockbrokers UBS Ltd, said that, at this rate, the Chancellor's forecast of 3 per cent growth this year looked like fantasy.

Consumer spending was the main engine for growth, with a rise of 0.8 per cent but was not seen as dramatic. Retail sales volumes rose by only 0.2 per cent in April, compared with March. lower than the 0.5 per cent expected in the City. There was a drop of 1.5 per cent in sales of household goods, which was seen as disappointing given evidence

of a housing market revival. However, in the three months to April, sales were up 0.7 per cent on the previous three - judged a relatively healthy performance.

CBI warning, page 26



Increased dividends mean Anita and Gordon Roddick will take home nearly £1 million each

Clarke moves on tax deal

By Patricia Tehan, banking correspondent

well as pre-sale market trans-

KENNETH CLARKE, the Chancellor, yesterday asked the Securities and Investments Board to investigate reform of market-makers.

As revealed in The Times on Wednesday, he said he saw some merit in maintaining privileges for market-makers who provide extra liquidity to

parency and contribute subthe market. But he said new stantial extra liquidity to the rules would need to be readily policed and enforceable and market." should not have an adverse Angela Knight, the Econom-Treasury said that in return

ic Secretary, said: The tax system...should also ensure competition, fairness and lifor exemption from stamp quidity in the trading of UK duty, market-makers would have to "make a significant contribution to price setting as

Lawrence pay-off, page 26

Cable and Wireless seeks international alliances

By Eric Reguly

ively bid-proof because the regulatory hurdles of buying a company with operating licences in some 50 countries were too great.

Smaller deals, however, are likely after Richard Brown. the new chief executive, takes up his post in July. C&W, for example, wants to find a partner to strengthen its relatively small American operations. It is also in talks to form an alliance with Stet, the

Earnings per share were 27.5p, compared with 11.5p. Italian telecoms group.

In Britain, Mercury Com-The talks probably will lead munications, which is 80 per to the formation of new allicent owned by C&W, is forgances in several countries, but ing commercial links with the not an outright merger or cable companies and may takeover. Brian Smith. C&W's cement the relationship chairman, said C&W is effectthrough equity swaps, a merger or even takeovers. Peter Howell-Davies. Mercury's chief executive, said: "Our relationship with the cable companies is one of the most important issues we need to

address this year." C&W's sharp rise in pre-tax profits was largely because of the £199 million gain on the sale of a minority stake in a German mobile phone company. Pre-tax profits before exceptionals were up 10 per cent to £1.26 billion. Mercury's operating profits were £231 million, up 14 per cent. A final dividend of 6.92p, making a total of 10p. up 10.5 per cent, is

to be paid on September 2.

Saatchi & Saatchi slips to fourth place

By Eric Reguly

lost its billing as the country's largest advertising agency for the first time since 1988. A survey published yester-ay by Marketing Week

shows that Saatchis, which is perhaps best known for its Conservative Party campaigns, has slipped to fourth place, behind J Walter Thompson. Abbott Mead Vickers BBDO and Ogilvy &

The fall from fame came after Maurice Saatchi, the agency's founder, was forced out. He started his own agency called M&C Saatchi, and took with him some of his old clients, including British Airways, Mars, Dixons and Silk

SAATCHI & SAATCHI has Cut. They collectively spent £98 million on advertising, putting M&C Saatchi 17th in the top 25 table. Saatchi & Saatchi is now

one of two agencies owned by Cordiant. The survey revealed that its clients spent £232.2 million in advertising in the year to March 31, against £325 million the previous year. J Walter Thompson's cli-

ents, including Kelloggs and Benson & Hedges, spent £269 million, up from £257 million. Saatchi & Saatchi continues to lose clients but the agency is optimistic. Tamara Ingram. joint managing director, said: "We've got a lot more business

coming through and we aim to

be number one again."

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Nuclear fuel levy may be less than expected

By PHILLIP BASSETT

THE Government expects to cut back the nuclear industry's fossil fuel levy by less than ministers had hoped, which may in turn feed through to a smaller fall in electricity prices when the industry is privatised.

Stephen Littlechild, the Director-General of Electricity Supply, expects to announce a reduction in the levy - payment made to the electricity industry to fund its use of nucleargenerated power - when nuclear is privatised later this summe

Ministers have made it clear that the current levy rate of 10 per cent of the value of electricity sales is likely to fall by up to 8 percentage points, to a level of around 2 per cent.

But ministers said yesterday that current calculations were suggesting a smaller fall in the levy rate of 5.5-7 percentage points, suggesting a levy rate of around 3-4.5 per cent.

Tim Eggar, Energy and Industry Minister, said the complex calculations to finalise the new rate were not yet completed, but he indicated they were suggesting a levy rate around this level. He denied it represented a lower level than forecast, insisting that it was inside the range of up to 8 percentage points.

Launching the Government's annual Energy Re-

port. Mr Eggar cited as clear evidence of success in the energy sector changes in energy prices, with the "overriding message" for the year being lower gas and electricity prices for domestic and industrial customers.

In inflation-adjusted terms, annual average domestic electricity prices are at their lowest now since 1974, he said, and 1980 for gas. Industrial electricity prices are lower than any year since records began, and industrial gas prices are now about half their level a decade ago.

Glenmorangie aims to tap export growth



Geoffrey Maddrell, left, and Peter Darbyshire, managing director, announced a 15 per cent rise in pre-tax profits on the back of stronger margins

GEOFFREY MADDRELL, chairman of Glenmorangle, said the company was aiming to continue its export drive and increase sales of own-brand products over the coming year (Alasdair Murray writes). The whisky company now supplies 13 retailers. primarily in the UK and France, with own-brand premium whisky. Exports sales to the US increased

80 per cent, with exports making up about 40 per cent of total sales. Mr Maddrell added that the company was building a position in India and was set to launch in China this year.

Glenmorangie, which was formerly known as Macdonald Martin Distilleries, yesterday announced a 15 per cent increase in full-year pre-tax profits to £6.6 million. Overall turnover rose 10 per cent to £39 million while case sales increased 21 per cent, bucking the sector trend.

The underlying operating margin increased 7 per cent to 22.4 per cent. The final dividend was increased 13.5 per cent to 9.25p for "A" shares, payable on July 26.

CBI says PSBR overshoot threatens pre-poll tax cuts

THE Government's scope for pre-election tax cuts may "evaporate" if public borrowing continues to overshoot, the Confederation of British In-

dustry says today. The CBI's warning comes as the latest survey of business leaders' voting intentions from the Institute of Management shows no improvement in

support for the Conservatives. The warning about the possibly limited scope for preelection tax cuts comes in the CBI's economic forecasts published today. Though much of

the forecast is unchanged from the CBI's February estimates, the confederation says that the continuing overshoot in the PSBR, particularly if it continues throughout the year, may well mean that on tax cuts "the room for manoeuvre seems at present very limited".

After examining the short-fall in VAT receipts, which caused the PSBR to end 1995-96 at £31.9 billion, almost £3 billion above the Treasury's own forecast of six months earlier, the "tentative" forecast

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today by CBI economists is forecast, then the scope for tax that Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, will be able to cut personal taxes by only £2 PSBR targets.' billion, or lp in the pound, in his November Budget though they suggest that the Chancellor will have some

further room by way of a £l billion cut in public spending. Noting that if an election has not been held by then that the "political pressure on the Chancellor will be as strong as ever for tax cuts", the CBI says: "If PSBR outturns con-

tinue to be higher than in our

cuts may evaporate if the Government is to achieve its However, the CBI is still

suggesting that growth overall will pick up later this year, with GDP forecast to grow by a "robust" 3 per cent in 1996. Kate Barker, the CBI's chief economic adviser, says today: "We are not talking about the 'feel-good' factor coming back. But we are talking about people feeling better throughout this year and next."

Business support for the

Conservatives is still low, according to a survey of 465 managers across industry by the Institute of Management. The survey shows that Conservalive support among managers now stands at 42 per cent down from 43 per cent in February and from 62 per cent at the time of the 1992 general

Backing for Labour among managers has doubled since the general election, and now stands at 26 per cent - up from 25 per cent in the IoM's

Sales of life | Grosvenor and pension policies rebound

By Marianne Curphey

and personal pension policies have started to bounce back after being hit last year by bad publicity and new regulations. During 1995 sales across the industry fell as the public were reluctant to buy long-term life products after the scandal over the mis-selling of personal

pensions. Insurance companies also complained that new rules on disclosure which governed the sales process — were hampering sales. However, figures from the Association of British Insurers

published yesterday confirmed

reports from individual insurers that sales were picking up. try totalled £3.8 billion in the first quarter of the year, up 9 per cent on the corresponding three months of 1995. The ABI figures followed encouraging first-quarter life sales from the composites. Commercial Union said its life profits were up 13 per cent, and General Accident said its acquisition of Provident Mutual, the life company, helped to counter the effects of

Mark Boleat, ABI directorgeneral, said: The tentative, first signs of an upturn in new life and pension business. which were evident towards the end of last year, have been reinforced in the first quarter of The State Earnings Related

severe winter weather

Pension Scheme (Serps), will not be "restored to its former glory" if Labour wins the next election, according to Chris Smith, Labour's Shadow Social Security Secretary.

invests in Dublin venture

FROM EILEEN MCCABE

Grosvenor Estate Holdings is to invest about Ir£60 million in a joint venture to develop a new shopping centre on the outskirts of Dublin. The investment is the first by the UK property investment and development group in the Republic of Ireland.

Grosvenor's partner in the Quarryvale venture is O'Callaghan Properties, which is based in Cork and Ireland's leading developer of shopping centres.

The new shopping centre will occupy 252,000 sq ft of a 187-acre site at the junction of the N4 and M50 roads to the west of Dublin. O'Callaghan is reported to have spent up to Ir£20 million purchasing the site and securing planning permission for it.

The Grosvenor deal covers only the shopping centre as-pect of the development. O'Callaghan has also secured planning permission for a hotel, a cinema, pub, restaurant and commercial buildings. Already, Marks & Spencer

алd C&A have signed up as Quarryvale. The former is already established in Dublin, but Quarryvale will mark C&A's first move into the Republic's retail sector.

Work on the infrastructure for the site is expected to get under way by the end of this month, construction will start in early 1997 and the shopping centre should open the follow-

TOURIST RATES

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Lawrence payoff is less than predicted

THE Stock Exchange is to reveal a £350,000 payoff for Michael Lawrence, the chief executive sacked in January. The figure - lower than the £400,000 expected by observers will be revealed next month in the Exchange's annual report. Yesterday the Exchange unveiled a 9 per cent fall in its underlying costs to £161.3 million for the year to March 31. There has been huge debate over how it will manage once it loses its share settlement role next month with the introduction of paperless share settlement under Crest. Last year's total income of £196.1 million included £66.6 million Pennington, page 27

Telewest raises £1.2bn

TELEWEST Communications, Britain's largest cable company, has raised £1.2 billion in debt to fund completion of its network in 1998. The company said the four and a half-year revolving loan by British, American and Canadian banks was arranged at a "very favourable" rate but would not elaborate. The network is about 53 per cent completed and analysts expect the company to end the year with positive operating cashflow. Telewest also plans to introduce number portability in August or September. Tempus, page 28

Liability campaign boost

THE campaign by the accountancy profession to win reform of the law on professional liability is growing through support from other professions. A letter was sent yesterday to lan Lang. President of the Board of Trade, urging him to set up a review of the principle of joint and several liability. Apart from the main UK accountancy bodies, signatories included the 100 Group of Finance Directors, the Institute of Actuaries, the National Association of Pension Funds and the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. Penaington, page 27.

Pep rules tightened

SCOTTISH AMICABLE is to contest an official rule change that blocks attempts to circumvent the £6,000 personal equity plan limit. The Inland Revenue's move threatens a Pep recently launched by Scottish Amicable in which as much as £50,000 could be invested. The company claimed yesterday that the Revenue had examined the scheme in February. A spokesman said yesterday: "We believe that retrospective intervention by the Revenue more than three weeks into a six-week offer period raises serious issues for the investing public."

Water bid goes to MMC

GENERAL UTILITIES and Saur, French owners of the Folkestone, Dover and South East water companies, yesterday won the first round in their hostile bid for Mid Kent Holdings when the Department of Trade and Industry agreed to refer their bid directly to the MMC. Mid Kent had argued the bid was illegal, after GU gave assurances in 1989 that it would not increase its 19.5 per cent stake in the water company. Last month, the High Court referred the matter to the DTL which has decided the MMC should resolve all issues.

British Steel action

BRITISH STEEL is to start legal action against the European Commission over £39 million in state subsidies given to Irish Steel. The action will challenge the legality of the financial support under article 95 of the Treaty of Paris. British Steel argues Irish Steel will be free to raise production from 266,000 tonnnes to 450,000 tonnes by the end of the decade, putting at risk 500 jobs in the UK. In June 1994 British Steel began legal challenges to state aid given to Ilva, Italian steel maker, and CSI of Spain.

Cranswick sales rise

CRANSWICK, the company which produces animal feeds and breeds pigs, recorded a 22 per cent sales increase to £142 million in the year to March 31, helped by a 75 per cent lift in the average price of pig to 140p per kilo. However, an increase in grain price and interest charges of £276,000 hit pre-tax profits, which nudged up 2.7 per cent to £3.12 million. Sales in bird feed rose 24 per cent to £9.9 million, 7 per cent of overall-sales. The final dividend is 6.6p, making a year total of 9.20p (8.65p). Earnings rose to a record 15.6p (14.6p). Store

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☐ Continental unrest strikes a warning ☐ Banks fret over company news delay ☐ Business balks at the environmental bill

GERMANY'S spate of indusrial bloodymindedness may bode ill for New Labour's wel-fare reform plans. Not because it highlights the costs of welfare hand-outs — those costs have been well known ever since the Federal Republic concocted its blend of generosity and eff-iciency in the 1950s, and they can hardly come as a surprise in the UK. The real significance of this week's "warning strikes" (warning to whom?) are that they

provide a graphic display of German labour inflexibility. This column argued yesterday that an unseen effect of Labour's punitive taxation plans, which this time will target the rich including the big hitters in the City among others, could be the flight of much of the financial services industry overseas. The City is equally concerned about the effect on inward investment of Labour's social policies. The German experience shows why.

That country's social market model has run its course. Even the Germans can no longer afford to work half as much as the Poles and pay themselves ten times more. But New Labour is explicitly trying to copy the German system, where the workers not the bosses are the fat cats. In his New Labour bible The State We're In, Will Hutton says Germany has shown that its muddled brand of capitalism has

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given it an "inbuilt competitive

advantage".

What the German experience has really shown is that welfare generosity a la Bonn is a classic ratchet effect. Once the welfare beneficiaries have received their part of the cake they will regard it as theirs forever. According to Bild newspaper, one worker's response to Helmut Kohl's El3 billion spending cuts was that now he could only afford a second-hand car. Germans are taking their privileges for granted. Any future government trying to take it away from them will get a bloody nose — as Herr Kohl is about to find out. Similarly, Tony Blair's stake-holders might rather drive their stake through his heart than

hand it back. The hysterical public reaction in France last year to some distinctly modest proposals for austerity, set for a repeat performance this summer, suggest the same lesson: inflexibility may be the main consequence of Labour's welfare reforms. This is certainly the City's fear: a national minimum wage, a Social Chapter, or a job creation programme. If Labour pushes through drastic reforms they will create rigidities. These will not only slow the domestic economy down but also scare away for-

eign investors.

By comparison, the cost issue is marginal. Money spent on any worthy project is not wasted And how worthy Labour will be we will not know until Tony Blair and Gordon Brown are neighbours in Downing Street. They will not be signing any "long suicide notes" ahead of an election. But if their plans create inflexibility on a German scale, then they are bad news however worthy they may look.

Time is money even in the City

DIT goes against the grain to feel sympathy for the long days put in by the City merchant banks and other advisers, who tend to be paid by the hour. But there is a mood of discontent among the breed at delays at the Exchange's information dissemination system, the Regulatory News Service (RNS).

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This is the beast that churns out the yards and yards of dull company news that have to be scanned by analysts for the odd nugget of sense, and it is a slow and picky feeder.

The Stock Exchange clearly has higher priorities than RNS. The latest financial results, stripped of one-offs, suggest income may still be running some £10 million below costs and there may be more pain to come even if this summer's Sequence electronic trading system has been self-financing. But coteries of banks have emerged in the past muttering about cutting out RNS altogether even if no one has yet had the bottle to defy the Exchange. They could yet.
At present, it is hard to input

company news electronically because the computers at the exchange are 15 years old. This leads to the daft requirement, reminiscent of old Fleet Street at its worst, for every line of those announcements to be typed in again by hand once delivered in paper form. It all leads to awful logiams during busy periods,

such as the early mornings. This is a more important matter than lost beauty sleep for overpaid advisers, because delays in broadcasting vital information can cost money, if one half of the market knows the facts and the other does not. Such delays have occurred during fast-moving takeover bids.

There is no natural monopoly held by the RNS - an electronic line to Reuters, whose technology can handle the announcement in seconds, would be quite legal. For its part, the exchange does not deny the system is tech-nologically outmoded. In March, for example, RNS handled almost 10,000 announcements, two thirds of them retyped from hard copy. Distribution of the necessary computer ware to all listed companies is taking place,

but will not be completed before the fourth quarter. Why so long?

Not too green to fall for business survey

Must festina lente always be the exchange's watchword?

☐ YOU are relephoned by a man with a clipboard. In your normal course of business do you A) care deeply about the environment; or B) prefer to bash seal cubs over the head with baseball bats made out of irreplaceable tropical hardwoods?

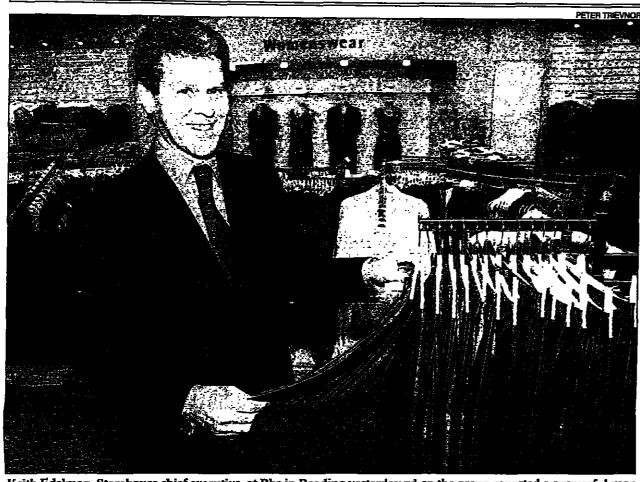
Do you A) worry about the health and safety of your employ-ees; or B) routinely work them to death and poison the swine when they run out of puff? And would you like the taxpayer to pay you friendly? Note that there is no alternative to this question.

Welcome again to the world of self-fulfilling surveys. The latest "proves" that seven out of ten companies now care more about the environment than they did a year previously. This rather makes one wonder about the other three. Have they reached a state of Nirvana-like perfection, at which lofty plane they could not possibly care more. Or couldn't they care less?

Anyone who has picked up the phone and discovered one of these clipboards on the other end knows the heart-sinking realisation that a good half hour is about to be wasted. The real fear is that they might somehow influence public policy — catch a politician at a moment of weakness, perhaps. This survey reaches the astounding conclusion that one thing holding companies back from implementing green policies is the cost. They are none too keen on picking up the tab, naturally, in the form of extra tax and charges. Instead, they want incentives or tax breaks. So who should pay for greener business? You guessed it — you and me.

Balance of blame

☐ THERE is something unedifying about the sight of the big accountants hurrying off to Jersey to form limited liability partnerships. They insist this is their best protection against huge civil actions. Meanwhile, various professions, including the bean-counters, are demanding government action to limit partners' joint and several liability. But how many votes are



Keith Edelman, Storehouse chief executive, at Bhs in Reading yesterday when the group reported a successful year

Imro fines Adams & Nevile

By ROBERT MILLER

A SENIOR City watchdog yesterday fined a Londonbased private client fund manager more than a year's worth of profits for a number of serious rule breaches. The Investment Manage-

ment Regulatory Organis-ation (Imro), which polices fund managers, fined Adams & Nevile Asset Management £20,000 against a profit of £14,619 in 1994-95. In addition, the firm was ordered to pay compensation of £59,000 to 35 investors for losses incurred as a result of advice received from the company. Imro found Adams & Nev-

ile guilty of failing to take all reasonable steps to ensure that investors who bought the risks. The company subsequently failed.

Burford seeks £142m to buy property portfolio

By CARL MORTISHED has risen 38 per cent in value.

BURFORD, the property group which last November spun off the Trocadero as a quoted leisure company, is raising £142 million in a rights issue to shareholders. The new money will finance the purchase of a £70.8 million portfolio of properties from Shell Pensions Trust and provide funding for the development of a shopping and leisure complex on Finchley Road.

Burford's rights issue comes after a cash call from Chelsfield on Tuesday, also targeted at investment in the capital. Chelsfield's £100 million rights is earmarked for its White City retail and leisure development in West London and both companies are taprecent surge in property shares. Since the start of March, Burford's share price

The property company also announced a reverse takeover of Carnell, the USM-quoted publisher, in a £14 million deal involving the purchase by Carnell of Columbus Holdings for shares. Columbus, which publishes travel directories, including The World Travel Guide, is 50 per cent owned by Burford, which intends to distribute the Carnell stock to its shareholders as a dividend. Burford shareholders will end up with 43 per cent of Carnell. which is changing its name to Columbus and joining the

Official List. Burford will issue 119 million shares in rights on a twofor-five basis at 122p, a discount of 15 per cent from the Leslau, chief executive of Burford, said the new funds would provide extra purchasafter the share issue, the company could spend £362 million while remaining within a self-imposed gearing limit of 100 per cent. After the rights, net asset value, including the Carnell shares, will increase from 104.3p to 107.3p. Burford's gearing will fall from 56 to 23 per cent.

The Shell Pensions portfolio totals seven properties, including a shopping centre in Shrewsbury, a retail park and three freehold hotels, producing £4.9 million in rent. Mr Leslau said the income should increase to £6.9 million over the three years, increasing the yield 7 per cent to just under 10 per cent. The Finchley Road development is expected to pleted value of £60 million.

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Storehouse results lifted by Mothercare profit leap

STOREHOUSE, the Mothercare to Bhs retail group. managed to squeeze more money out of sales last year. helping to drive pre-tax profits up by 21 per cent, to £109.9 million, in the year to March

The better than expected rise in profits reflected fewer markdowns, which helped to lift gross margins by more than 1.5 percentage points. Keith Edelman, chief execu-

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tive, said: "Storehouse has had another successful year." He added that the current year "has started steadily", and he joined other leading retailers in saying that there was evidence of a revival in consumer confidence, but "we expect the overall retail environment will be as challenging this year as last".

The advance in profits was achieved on the back of a 4.6 per cent rise in sales to £1.08

McDonald's signs ten-year

promotion deal with Disney

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

new Dinoland attraction at

Michael Eisner. Disney's chairman, hailed the agree-

ment as a "a true McDisney

production". The promotions,

which will reach 33 million

customers worldwide who eat at McDonald's restaurants every day, are largely aimed at children who make up the core

The deal is a significant

victory for McDonald's over

rival Burger King in a long-

of McDonald's clientele.

Disney World in Florida.

billion. After stripping out the figures for One Up. the chain of clothing stores sold last June, group sales rose by 3 per cent. The sale of the stores resulted in a £1.2 million exceptional profit.

The biggest jump in profits was achieved by Mothercare. which notched up a 42 per cent leap in operating profits, to £24.2 million. The advance follows a 68 per cent increase in profits in the previous year.

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Donald's relationship with

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covering a few films and more

recently a McTrivia quiz game

with questions based on Dis-

blockbusters such as Toy Story

and The Lion King. It is also

promoting this summer's Dis-

ney release. The Hunchback

of Notre Dame.

like sales fell by I per cent. As a result the rise in profits reflected a healthy 21 percentage point rise in the 272-strong chain's operating margin to 7.6 per cent. The company said that Mothercare had a strong first half, but that sales growth eased off in the second half, partly due to "some weakness product range and availability".

Sales rose 4 per cent to

division, saw operating profits rise !1 per cent to £77.4 million on sales, excluding One Up, ahead 2 per cent at £742.7 million. The chain of 135 stores lifted operating margins from 9.2 per cent to 10.3 per cent. In contrast to Mothercare, Bhs had a slow start to the year, with sales picking up during the second half.

Bhs. the group's biggest

Blazer lifted operating profit by 37 per cent, to £400,000, on sales ahead 3 per cent at £14.8

The final dividend was lifted from 3.6p to 4.2p, making a total for the year of 7.2p, up from 6.3p last time. The diviney children's films.

Recently Burger King has won the promotional rights to dend, due August 8, is payable out of earnings of 17.8p a share, up from 14.8p last time. The shares fell 7p to 327p.

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BNB to be hit by more defections

By CLARE STEWART

former chief executive of NBI, "retired", BNB Resources, the executive recruitwhile last month three directors of the ment and training group, is facing a financial services division quit. further defection of senior staff when it On Tuesday, it was announced that emerged yesterday that five headhunters may leave its New York subsidiary. Norman Broadbent International (NBI).

Andrew Goodman, founder and chief executive of Goodman Graham, the IT recruitment company acquired by BNB last year, had left after a difference of opinion over its management. He is planning to sue BNB for unfair dismissal and breach of contract

payment of bonuses.

The problems in New York come soon after the departure of senior personnel in London. In February, Miles Broadbent, their own recruitment agencies, Mr Norman said that all four will "continue to work in association with NBI for 12 months". This refers to a contractual requirement for the four men to pay 50 per cent of their earnings to NBI.

The acquisition cost of Goodman very positive as to our prospects ..."

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David Norman, executive chairman of BNB, told shareholders at yesterday's annual meeting that the five executives may have gone by the end of July.

Sources in the United States confirmed In his statement to shareholders, Mr that the staff would be leaving, and are contemplating legal action over non-

Norman said NBI had been "managing purposefully." after the departure of its key personnel. Although both Mr Broadbent and the three directors of the financial services division had set up

Graham will drop to £4.5 million, compared to the maximum stated of £7 million after the departure of Mr Goodman, as he will not be entitled to participate in the three-year earnout agreement, Mr Norman said. The first four months of this year showed "an encouraging advance" on the same period last year, he went on. "We remain



Retail sector revives as brokers turn bullish

SHARES of the high street supermarket chains are back in vogue. They were chased sharply higher after a clutch of unrelated brokers' recommendations

UBS took the lead by recommending the whole sector to clients on the basis that, as things cannot get any worse, it is probably time to start looking for the recovery.
UBS was followed closely by

rivals NatWest Securities and BZW. NatWest has upgraded its recommendation for Argyll, soon to be renamed Safeway, from a "hold" to an "add". The shares responded with a jump of 6p to 350p. It has also raised its rating for Tesco, up 6p at 293p, from "reduce" to "hold", but has removed Asda, l12p lighter at 11812p, from its buy list. J Sainsbury rose 5p to 384p, as 6.3 million shares were traded.

Another positive peformance overnight on Wall Another Street failed to cut any ice with investors in London. Booksquaring by the institutions ahead of the bank holiday weekend saw early interest soon wane. The FT-SE 100 index frittered away a 16-point rise to end the session 17.2 points down at 3,747.0. Turnover was 971 million shares.

Cable and Wireless lost ground despite full-year figures better than expected. Brokers said the fall in the share price of 13p to 446p stemmed from the group's insistence that it was not interested in renewing merger talks with BT, or any other telecoms company. It seems prospects for the group now depend heavily on what Richard Brown, the recently appointed chief executive, can oull out of the hat.

The City has taken the view for some time that C&W is a company without a strategy. It had been hoped that a merger with BT would solve the group's problems, but now another solution must be found to enhance earnings. BT finished 5p cheaper at

Vendome, the luxury goods group, climbed 17p to 607p as up in business. It follows the warm reception given to shares of Saks Fifth Avenue on Wall Street this week and bumper figures from some of the other luxury US store groups.

The City gave a lukewarm reception to full-year figures



Martin Mays-Smith, left, Paul Rivers, financial director, centre, and Mike Watts, chief executive, of Morland

from Storehouse, down 7p at 327p, with brokers having already downgraded their profit forecasts after an earlier run-down of Christmas trading. Their concern was justified with Bhs and Mothercare clearly finding the going difficult. Pre-tax profits grew from E90.3 milion to £108.7 million, but further rationalisation is

expected and brokers are wor-

this has been reflected in the share price. Traders are hone-

ful of recovery. Courtaulds has been on the verge of losing its place as a constituent of the top 100 companies. United News & Media, down 5p at 739p, Orange, 4p off at 239¹2p, Railtrack, 1p lighter at 218p, Next, 6p fimer at 558p and Lucas Industries, up 6p at

T&N, the automotive components group, fell 6p to 148p as a line 9.43 million shares went through the market at 145p. It coincides with claims that SBC Warburg, the broker, has turned negative on asbestosis liability after a recent court verdict. Almost 24 million shares had changed hands by the close.

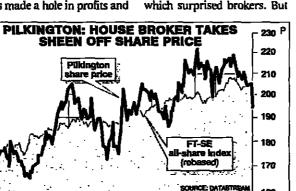
ried about the long-term out-look for Children's World.

Courtaulds, the chemicals supplier, recovered some of its poise with a much-needed rally of 16p to 438p as traders continued to reflect on the positive view of prospects despite this week's profits setback. The slump in the worldwide chemicals market has made a hole in profits and

237p. are all regarded as contenders to take its place. Morlands, the brewer famous for its Old Speckled Hen ale, cheered the City with a sparkling set of half-year figures showing pre-tax profits up from £4.68 million to £0.1

million. Its tenanted and man-

aged pubs estate outper-formed many of its rivals,



Martin Mays-Smith, has been forced to downgrade estimates for the full year on the back of a El million

Enterprise Irms continued to make headway, adding 19p at 229p in the wake of this week's acquisition of

Interbrew pubs.

Pilkington, Britain's biggest glassmaker, fell 6p 10 194p amid claims that SBC Warburg, its joint house broker, was becoming increasingly cautious about prospects. It followed a presentation for brokers earlier this week by rival glassmaker St Gobain. which painted a gloomy picture of the industry, depressed by overcapacity and weak pricing. Earlier this year Pilkington announced plans to take £155 million of restructur-

ing costs on the chin.

Over on the Alternative Investment Market, shares of Mulberry Group, the leather bags and fabrics supplier, got off to a positive start. Placed at 153p by Teather & Greenwood. the broker, the price opened at 190p before settling at 185p. a premium 32p.

A warning of a drop in profits left Crabtree Group. the Gateshead engineer, nursing a fall of 49p at 278p. A slowdown in orders from the Far East was blamed. Several large projects have also been carried over into next year. The group said pre-tax profits would be substantially less than the £4.88 million achieved last time.

☐ GILT-EDGED: London bond prices enjoyed an early mark-up, taking their lead from the overnight strength of US treasury bonds and some weaker than expected retail sales, institutional investors proved rejuctant to open fresh positions ahead of the extended weekend break, with prices soon losing their early momentum to close below the best of the day.

In futures, the June series of the long gilt touched £1061116 before closing five ticks better at £1061332. A total of 50,000 contracts were completed. In longs, treasury 8 per cent

E973a, while at the shorter end treasury 8 per cent 2000 firmed £1s to £102516. □ NEW YORK: The profittakers returned to Wall Street after Wednesday's record close and by midday the Dow Jones industrial average was 13.30 points lower at 5,764.70.

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Rescued by Children

STOREHOUSE bought Children's World in the nick of time, as the retailer is badly in need of some growth. That may seem an unfair accusation to make against a company that produced a 17 per cent increase in retailing profit last year but Storehouse is in a pickle because, while it has been doing very well squeezing more profit from the business, sales have been flat or negative.

Top line growth has always been a weak point for Storehouse and last year was no exception with BhS losing market share from existing stores, only edging into growth of 2 per cent in the final quarter. Mothercare also had a grim year for sales after a strong start. Product ranges were not in line with fashion trends but more worrying, the supply chain

failed to deliver product when needed. Storehouse sales were only a little worse

than those of the market leader. Marks & Spencer does not reveal its like-for-like sales but some analysts estimate a figure not much above inflation for clothing. In fact, Store-house has adopted a deliberate strategy of improving margin by reducing end of season discounting. Money has been spent on the supply chain and BhS is enjoying refus to reduce the brand's association with discounts.

The trouble is that Storehouse has probably

seen most of the margin gain. With operating returns a few points adrift of the market leader, it can expect only minor improvements. Its big task now is to get more sales through the tills. In that respect Children's World is nicely timed. Storehouse will spend some £14-£16 million to refashion the new company into Mothercare. That gives the group every incentive to make it work.

Go-Ahead Group

HAVING torn apart the nation's public road transport, the Government is sitting back and watching entrepreneurs stitch it together again into a number of private fieldoms. In the coming consolidation, yes-terday's deal gives Go-Ahead a better chance of becoming one of four or five national bus operators.

Go-Ahead was weakened recently by a price war in the Oxford area that forced it to issue a profits warning in March.

The experience gave it more of the look of prey than predator. So the London purchase, which should give an immediate boost to earnings is good news for the

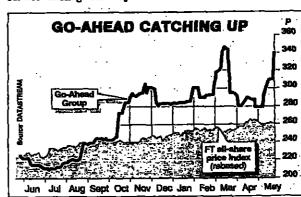
Go-Ahead's ambitions are not as far-reaching as those of Stagecoach or FirstBus,

London's Docklands, it is but in London this deal puts Newcastle's Go-Ahead on a par with Cowie, the Sunder iand-based operator Leaside, Grey-Green and

South London Buses. Go-Ahead's next opportunity to expand will be as part of a consortium bid to run the Docklands Light Railway, the loss-making rail service linking the City to

also interested in running some of British Rail's urban networks. Success in those ventures

and an end to its trouble in Oxford, still leaves Go-Ahead looking slightly vulnerable as a niche operator but it has a better chance of suriving the coming battle of the bus barons.



Burford

ANY other property company might have found it difficult to justify this rights issue. With gearing a touch over 50 per cent, Burford is raising £140 million and the only justification offered is the purchase of a £70 million portfolio on a 7 per cent intial vield.

Burford does have a shop-

oing and leisure centre to build in Finchley - that will cost £40 million - and a £15 million distribution centre to build for Argos. Yet, Burford could easily finance such ventures without recourse to shareholders — following the rights issue, gearing will fall to 23 per cent, leaving the company with an embarrass-

For a property company with such good growth prospects — Burford can expect a handsome development surplus from Finchley — a strategy of low gearing is absurd and the only conclubelieves a cataclysm is nigh or the rights is an opportunistic move to build up firepow-

er before a big deal. The latter seems more likely; yesterday's portfolio purchase was curious, because it seemed a little dull by Burford standards although the company promises strong growth in the rents. Based on past successes, Burford's cash call will be well supported but priced at such a premium to net asset value,

investors will want the next

TeleWest

deal to fly.

THE cable industry's darkest days are now behind it. After a disastrous winter, the shares of the six listed players to their issue prices and several companies are expected to finish the year with posi-

tive operating cash flow. Banks apparently share this newfound confidence. TeleWest, the largest operator, has secured £1.2 billion in

new debt, enough for it to finish ripping up the streets.

The upward trend should

continue for the rest of the vear with the introduction of phone number portability. which allows customers to keep the same number when they change to competing operators.

BT is losing 50,000 customers a month to the cheaper cable companies and the rate will accelerate once portability becomes widespread: it is so far limited to Nynex's franchises.

Before buying more cable shares, remember that prof-its are still a long way off and the industry is facing a wave of potentially disruptive consolidation. Also, number portability could also benefit BT. ect its Oftel-imposed price cuts at any business segment it likes. If it aims them at resiwin customers back from the

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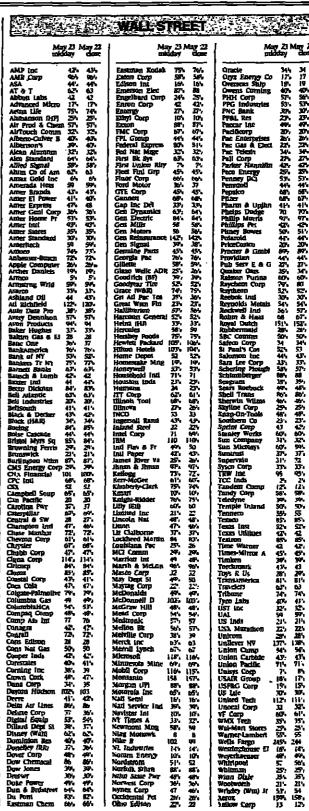
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DIARY

Business Age calls it a day BUSINESS AGE, the fi-

nancial monthly that upset the Queen over her estimated wealth, has been shut after failing to meet news stand sales targets. At 10 o'clock yesterday morning. Peter Kirwan. the editor, heard that his baby had been put to bed for the last time, on the instruction of Ruud Bakker, VNU Business Publications managing director. The magazine was bought from Tom Rubython, now editor of Sunday Business. and his partner Nigel Jagger, for a reputed £3 million last summer. Personal Computer Magazine. another publication in VNU's 20-strong portfolio. has also been closed, to make way for a yet-to-be-named business PC magazine in September. Staff from both magazines have been offered jobs within

HING UP

Body politic

the company.

AFTER three decades of campaigning for social change, Anita Roddick has decided to include some spice in The Body Shop's annual report. The "Chairman's statement" on pages one to three, penned by T. Gordon Roddick, comes before the "Chairman's wife's statement" that covers a meagre half page. Nowhere does it say that the latter is the founder and chief executive of the cosmetics company. According to a spokesman: "Anita wanted to inject some humour into the report."



"That would be before England beat China 3-0°

Sooty's target

GORDON POWER, MD of Guinness Mahon Development Capital, the company that splashed out £1.4 milion for Sooty yesterday, is said to have carried the deal on his shoulders. As the only family man at GMDC, Power was picked out to take his children to Sooty's Christmas show at the Bloomsbury Theatre last December. Until then. Power was a fan of Sooty's belief that the naughtiest thing that the bear had done was to squirt the Duke of Edinburgh with a water pistol. But when Sooty's former keeper Matthew Corbett recognised Power in the audience, he made Guinness Mahon the butt of his

Touch of class

SIR Michael Wilmot, owner of The Beaufort hotel in Knightsbridge. stole the show at a recent gala evening in Los Angeles, hosted by British hoteliers. When all around were in lounge suits, to the delight of American guests at the Bel Air bash, Sir Michael arrived in white tie. Howard Malin, owner of The Feathers in Woodstock. feeling scruffy in comparison, bit back in his speech: "We've spared no expense, bringing our own baronet to act as a waiter for this evening."

IS THE London Stock Exchange preparing itself for the next big crash? At the bottom of a list of planning consents "on delegated authority of the Gity Planning Officer is one for the installation of a safety handrail to the roof perimeter of the Throgmorton Street

MORAG PRESTON

Power of the generators faces a new challenge

At issue is whether they hold too much sway over

pricing, says

Christine Buckley

tephen Littlechild, the electricity regulator, is about to grap-ple again with the thorny issue of competition in generation. His attention has been forced on the subject by the threat from PowerGen, the country's second largest genera-tor, that it might not sell the power stations it has been ordered to until it gets guidance on how the electricity industry can develop. The move follows the surprise government block on its takenver of a regional company, along with that of National

with National Power. PowerGen is obliged under the regulator's orders to sell some power stations to encourage more competition in generation. The aim, particu-larly, is to spark further rivalry in the important price-setting area of the wholesale market for power, in which generators bid prices they want related to expected demand.

PowerGen is aggrieved that it has not been allowed to expand its business by taking over Midlands Electricity and wants clarification on the policy for development. It claims its market share of generation is dropping to such an extent that it should not be penalised on the grounds of too much market influence.

Others, including the electricity regulator and some regional electricity companies, do not agree. They argue that PowerGen and National Power, the largest generator, hold too much

sway over power prices.

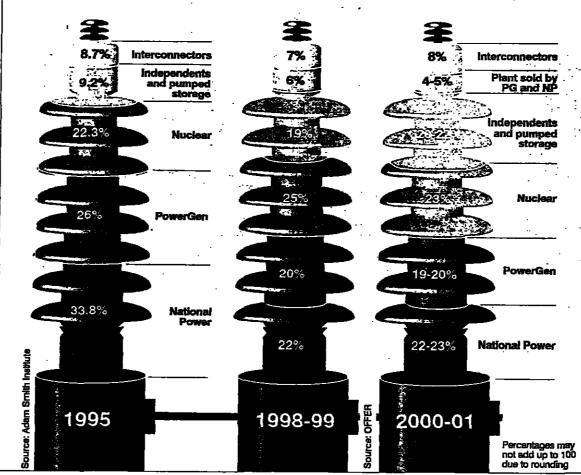
A report by BZW, the brokers, predicts that the price-setting part of generation is likely to be dominated by the two main players for some time to come. It predicts that in 1999 National Power will have 37 per cent of the capacity in the mid-merit market and PowerGen will have 33 per cent. Immediately after that the broker sees a slight dropping away as new plant come on-stream, but it still sees the two main players controlling 60 per cent of price-setting area.

The report also casts doubt on the view that prices are falling in line with increased competition. It says: "National Power and PowerGen have had a strong interest in promoting a pessimistic view of electricity prices in recent months for three reasons: to convince Offer that the generating market really is competitive, requiring no regulation; to bolster the case for buying a regional electricity company: to discourage the building of further new generation plant."

The two main generators have about 85 per cent of the mid-merit area of the electricity pool, although their overall share stands at 57 per cent. The Monopolies and Mergers Commission (MMC). in its inquiries into the takeovers by National Power and PowerGen of Southern Electric and Midlands Electricity, made clear that the state of competition in generation was a fundamental consideration. It did not, however, conduct any research into future market shares, relying instead on the projections of the two generators, the National Grid and the Office of Electricity Regulation. A spokesman for the MMC said that it had not had the time to undertake

independent research. Professor

WHO GENERATES THE POWER



Littlechild has recently hinted to analysts that he may consider forcing the generators to get rid of more power stations than he initially planned. In a rare briefing to the City, he indicated that competition may be given a further helping hand.

The political temperature over competition in generation has also been raised. The surprise takeover veto and golden share endorsement by Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, came after growing unrest over the issue from Tory backbenchers such as John Redwood and Norman Lamont. Fears for the stimulation of competi-

tion in generation have been further raised by the similar deals struck by the generators to sell their

power stations. Both with Eastern Group, the regional electricity company which is part of the Hanson conglomerwill make Eastern the fourth largest genera-tor. It will, however, only enter the generat-

ing market with commercial restrictions attached by PowerGen and National Power. Both sales carry important earn-out clauses. That means that the more electricity generated into the wholesale market by Eastern, the more will go to the two largest generators in earnings-related

payments. This continued market interest was not what the regulator orginally wanted to see. He had told the generators he wanted to see a clean sale, but then agreed to earn-out clauses up to 2003 with agreed payments for each megawatt hour produced. He stated that the earn-outs should not constrain the commercial freedom of the new owner to choose when and how to operate".

Such constraint would seem inevitable. Eastern will begin with a cost handicap when it enters the bidding in the wholesale market. It will be forced to factor this into the price it asks for its electricity or suffer commercial loss. Undercutting the prices of the two main generators in the important price-setting region of the wholesale market is, therefore, far less likely.

A National Power spokesman said that the earn-out deals, which require a lower up-front payment than an outright sale, encouraged the buyer to bid competitively in mid-merit. He said: *Under different arrangements Eastern would have been expected to operate in the

baseload section The electricity where competition is less of an issue." regulator has Baseload pays lower prices for electricity but guarantees that made clear his output will be taken, keenness for doesn't. The chief excompetition in ecutive of one independent regional electricity company said: The proposed generation

solution does not end up achieving the regulator's stated aim of bringing competition into the critically important mid-merit market." The deals between the generators

and Eastern that will introduce the third major player into the mid-merit market have puzzled some energy economists. Breaking down published figures, it has paid about £360 per kilowatt hour for the National Power plant and about £200 per kilowatt hour for the PowerGen plant. A new combined cycle gas turbine plant with a life of at least 25 years would cost about E450 per kilowatt hour, according to market estimates. National Power's plant is thought to have a life remaining of about 10-15 years, while to lose more than it gains.

PowerGen's stations have about seven to ten years left. In addition to the shorter lives, Eastern's acquired plant is expected to operate on a much reduced capacity - about 50 per cent as against a new plant's 85 per cent.

Energy economists have estimated a market price for National Power's plants as £180-£270 per kilowatt hour and for PowerGen's £125 per kilowatt hour. On these calculations Eastern seems to have coughed up a premium of between 50 per cent and 100 per cent over a modern equivalent depreciated

Eastern's particular arrangement with PowerGen, whereby it gives the generator leave to reconsider the sale in the event of its takeover bid for Midlands being scuppered, has also caused some puzzlement. Eastern has maintained its confidence that the sale will proceed and has indicated it has a sub-clause of its own entered in the deal. It has not been prepared to reveal the nature of this and has kept silent as PowerGen has waved the threat of pulling out of the sale in front of the regulator's nose.

The electricity regulator has made clear his keenness for competition in generation and his belief that that state has not yet been reached. So, too, has the Department of Trade and Industry. albeit with hopelessly vague definitions

of an adequately competitive market. PowerGen's throwing down of the gauntlet to the regulator may focus more attention in that area. A spokesman for the generator said; "There are 20 generators bidding into the pool. New players continue to enter the market and prices continue to fall. We have the most competitive electricity market in the world."

But with critics expected to seize the opportunity to lobby again for the two main generators to be brought further to book. PowerGen could find it stands

BUSINESS LETTERS

Opt-out from European Social Chapter untenable

From the General Secretary of the Trades Union Congress Sir, I was very glad to read Robbie Gilbert's call to the Government to end Britain's opt-out from the European Social Chapter (Time to rejoin social policy debate. May 22). It is pleasing that his opin-ion, as an adviser to the CBI.

now coincides precisely with the view the TUC has pressed since the signing of the Maastricht treaty, namely that the opt-out is untenable - instruments adopted by the 14 other EU countries do come to influence the position in the UK — and that the British Government, by excluding itself from the discussions, has left the field open to others to draft the legislation.

To use his own phrase, John Major must be living in "cloud-cuckoo land" when he maintains that this opt-out, as well as the much-vaunted selfexclusion from EMU, can be sustained for much longer while the internal European market is integrating at some speed. The only result will be that we shall sign up eventually to rules we did not influence, as happened with the

common agricultural policy.
As Robbie Gilbert argues, it is high time that Britain fully joins the club. Only then shall we be in a position to promote

JOHN MONKS, General Secretary. TUC, Congress House, Great Russell Street,

Insider dealing laws in need of a re-draft

From Adrian FitzGerald Sir. I read with interest your article (*Corporate Britain caught in profit warning paradox", May 22), which examined reasons for the recent spate of profit warnings. Martin Waller is right to

attribute the current phenomenon at least in part to the tightening of the processes by which information is released to the stock market. However, he is wrong to conclude that the problem is one of "over-reporting". If anything, it is one of under-reporting.

Certainly, official announcements via Stock Exchange channels have largely replaced the unofficial massaging of market expectations, a direct result of the new insider dealing legislation and reinforced guidance by the Ex-change on the dissemination of price-sensitive information.

Whilst this trend has arguably created a fairer market for all participants, there is growing evidence that it has created a much less efficient market, in the sense that shares can remain mis-priced for lengthy periods. Sharp reactions to official profit warnings can quickly correct such mis-pricings, but this is of no comfort to buyers at prices some 20-30 per cent

higher just days before.

The answer is that if companies are obliged to manipulate expectations through official channels, then announcements, or bulletins, The market and its participants will just have to learn to cope with the resultant deluge of information. Given the present interpretation of insider dealing legislation, this is the only way that investors can be sure that current share prices reflect known trading

Of course, the sensible thing

would be to re-draft the legis-lation. The new insider dealing laws from April 1994 are open to too many interpretations and, as a result, have had a disastrous effect on communications between the corporate sector and the City. The gross stock market inef-ficiency that has resulted is too

heavy a price to pay for just two insider dealing prosecutions in the last two years. Yours faithfully, ADRIAN FITZGERALD Pomathorn Farmhouse Penicuik, Midlothian.

From Denis MacShane, MP

ireland, two countries where

trade union relationships with

Government are strong. Final-

Flaw in stress at work litigation trend From Dr Peter Noble Not all forms of mental

Sir, Your correspondent Ben Apfel (Business Letters, May l6) writing on the prospect of a "flood of litigation" by employ-ees for nervous breakdown induced by stress at work, makes the important point that employers are only likely to be held responsible for the second, or subsequent, break-

To be actionable the consequences of the work stress need to be "foreseeable". Psychiatric disorder is often recurrent and thus a first episode can be interpreted as making subsequent episodes foreseeable".

This logic will have adverse social consequences. It must make employers more reluctant both to take an applicant with a known history of previous disorder and to retain an existing employee who devel-ops a "first" episode. It will exacerbate the already severe difficulties that such people have in finding and keeping employment. It will increase the stigma and the stress confronts the exdisorder recur. Some robust individuals may be denied employment because they are deemed to constitute a theoretical liability. The numbers at risk are large - about 10 per cent of the population suffer at some stage from anxiety or depression, which are often

stress-related.

This new trend to litigation may compensate some ex-patients but the main losers. apart from employers, will be ordinary ex-patients who, having suffered a nervous breakdown, will now face ever more disadvantage and discrimina-tion at work. It is unfortunate the scope of compensation can be widened by individual case decisions, which are taken without any discussion of the potential social consequences and damage to the employment propects of ex-psychiatric patients. Yours faithfully, PETER NOBLE, MD FRCP

and FRC Psych. Emeritus consultant, Bethlem Royal Hospital and The Maudsley Hospital.

London, SE5.

Is this CBI policy?

Sir, Robbie Gilbert, the CBI's ly, he argues for a new employment adviser, writes that "The Government should ministry that would cover health and safety matters, employment and training. offer to end the opt-out" of the European Social Chapter (May 22). He also suggests pensions, equal opportunities. that London could make commaternity pay, parental leave, mon cause with Sweden and

and works councils. This [approach] sponds almost exactly to Germany's Arbeitsministerium

under its long-serving Labour Minister, Norbert Blüm. Mr Gilbert's views are interesting and important and I find myself in agreement with him. But do they represent new CBI policy? Perhaps the President of the CBI could write to you and let us know.

Yours faithfully DENIS MACSHANE, MP. House of Commons, SWI.

Casualties rife in bank's quest for efficiency

Patricia Tehan on the tasks facing the man restructuring Lloyds TSB

eter Eliwood, the new deputy chief executive of Lloyds TSB, faces unenviable tasks. The first is to put together the retail banking and financial services operations of two of the biggest banks in the country after their merger last December.

The second brings with it far more pain. After a Private Bill is approved by Parlia-ment, probably some time next year, he must oversee the dramatic reduction of the combined banking group's 3,000-strong branch network accompanied by the loss of thousands of the combined bank's 40,000 jobs.

Mr Ellwood is seen by analysts as bringing a flood of new ideas to Lloyds. Under Sir Brian Pitman, chief executive, the bank has managed its grand strategy more effectively than most of its rivals but it has been behind most — particularly TSB — in its thinking on customer service, product development. information technology and management development. Mr Ellwood started his

mammoth task in January. He is far happier talking about the first of his jobs than the second. So far, ac-

cording to the bank, the ratio Lloyds to

TSB appointments in the top two layers of management is running at 50/50 in retail financial services, though the group support positions such as legal adviser and company secretary have all gone to Lloyds Bank executives. At the end of this month, the third management tier will be put in place — making 172 positions altogether.

Mr Ellwood said he was surprised by the similarity in culture between the two organisations. Lloyds has a far more up-market image than TSB and a much bigger base of corporate customers. But outsiders say the cultures of the two are quite different and it can only be a matter of time before a clash becomes Lloyds TSB is using inte-

gration methods formulated by Boston Consulting to push the two banks together. This means an integration committee of six, chaired by Mr Ellwood, taking all major decisions on integration and running the business. A co-ordination team of ten reports to the top committee,

reporting on the work undertaken by a series of task forces and process teams.

Mr Ellwood said the obvious place to start was the strategy — "to be a leading player in every one of our chosen markets". Then the integration team went on to ask what would make the merged bank "better, different from the competition", bearing in mind that "the strategic goal is increasing shareholder value".

In order to achieve this, he added, the bank has attempted to analyse "what customers really want" and found that it is "excellence of service". For Lloyds TSB this means three things: "Highly competent staff; giving people the ability to do business where and when they want to; and making customers feel they are being

Mr Ellwood said a new customer-focused structure put in place in April. organising the business by product, is different from what Lloyds had, different to what TSB had". The most

retail

important decision, said Mr 6 It is only a close TSB's formatter of time banking adbefore there ministration centre is a clash of Birmingham

cultures 🤊 and to concentrate activities Bristol. where Lloyds retail financial

services operation is based. This move will involve the loss of 500 jabs. "You cannot shy away

from difficult decisions; staff expect you to take them," said Mr Ellwood. "But they understand the logic that we do not need two administration centres.

The big issue, yet to be addressed by the bank, is what happens to the branch network. The bank cannot push the two branch networks together until a Private Bill is passed Parliament next year which means, said Mr Ellwood, that the momentum of the business, the dialogue with the customer, all goes on without being affected by the

merger". But despite the best efforts of Lloyds TSB to downplay the issue, it will push the bank through a great deal of pain and controversy next year and the effect on staff and the excellence of service Mr Ellwood is seeking should not be underestim-



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BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

HALF of the 46,700 shareholders in Royal Insurance need to vote in favour of the insurer's proposed merger with Sun Alliance to ensure the deal goes through next month.

They must account for 75 per cent of the equity value, which means that Mercury Asset Management, the fund manager and largest shareholder in both companies, will be a crucial player.

Shareholders in both companies have been sent documents outlining the structure of their proposed merger, which will create Britain's biggest insurance group.

An extraordinary general meeting for Royal Insurance Shareholders will take place immediately after a court hearing on June 14.

Share option schemes, including those for executive directors, will be transferred to the new Royal Sun Alliance Group shares. Royal Insurance said yesterday that policyholders would "experience no

immediate change as a result of the merger". The two companies expect to make £175 million savings by 1998 in the UK

and overseas from the merger, and to spend an equivalent sum on one-off costs integrating the two About 5,000 jobs will be

lost as a result of the merger, with the majority going in the UK where the two companies' head offices and international operations are to be merged. The two companies currently employ more than 45,000 people worldwide. Sun Alliance has 25,000 shareholders. Of those who vote, 75 per cent need to be

in favour of the merger for it to go ahead. Under the terms of the merger, Royal shareholders will receive 1,067 Royal Sun Alliance shares for every 1,000 Royal shares and have been promised "significantly enhanced earnings per share and

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dividend prospects".

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Ian Harvey, chief executive, said yesterday that 52 new licences had been signed and 104 new inventions had been accepted for the company's portfolio

Go-Ahead pays £46m for London General buses

By Sarah Cunningham

THE Go-Ahead bus company has agreed to buy London General Transport Services. which runs buses in southwest and central London, and Surrey, for £46 million. The acquisition will give Go-Ahead control of 18 per cent of the London bus market.

Go-Ahead's shares rose 30p to 340p on news of the acquisition. Analysts said the addition of London General would be imm-

ediately earnings-enhancing and would take the pressure off Go-Ahead's Oxford operations, struggling against stiff competition. Concern about Oxford has been depressing Go-Ahead's shares. Yesterday, the company forecast a final dividend of 3.7p per share. It set an interim divi-dend of 1.85p in March. Go-Ahead, which is based in Gateshead, Tyne & Wear,

already runs London Central buses and expects to save on costs by combining some operations. Martin Ballinger, managing director, said some lay-offs were possible in the long term but not immediately because London General is profitable; it made £7.67 million in the year to March 31, on turnover of ES2.8 million.

The purchase already has nearly 50 per cent approval

from shareholders in Mokett, London General's holding company, and full approval is expected next month.

Go-Ahead is keen to contin-

ue expanding and is hoping to be chosen to operate the Docklands Light Railway, it is also bidding for tenders to run other urban rail networks.

The acquisition will be funded by a combination of a placing and open offer of 7.29 million new Go-Ahead shares at 290p each, raising £19.54 million. The rest will come from cash balances within London General and new bank borrowings.

Mokett was set up in 1994 when the bus company's managers and employees bought London General from London Regional Transport.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Forward marches on through acquisition

ACQUISITIONS powered a 103 per cent rise in profits at Forward Group, the circuit board manufacturer, to £7.6 million before tax in the year to January 31, on turnover that rose 181 per cent to £66.8 million. Forward is paying a final rose 181 per cent to £66.8 million. Forward is paying a final dividend of 4.8p, making a total for the year of 8p, up from 6p. Earnings rose to 43p a share, compared with 36.2p. The company's shares rose 70p to 900p yesterday.

Further expansion is planned in the current year, as Forward has its sights on more acquisitions to avoid in the current year.

Forward has its sights on more acquisitions to expand its Forward has its sights on more acquisitions, chiefly Exacta, a range of activities. Last year's acquisitions, chiefly Exacta, a larger circuit board manufacturer bought for E13.5 million, contributed £4.8 million of profit at the operating level. Forward is paying a further consideration of £25 million for Exacta, in line with the profit-related purchase agreement.

Soros pledge to Russia

GEORGE SOROS, the billionaire financier, is planning to spend \$100 million of his own money on his biggest spend \$100 million of his own money on his olggest philanthropic scheme so far to promote the Internet in Russia. The aim is to install Internet connections at universities across Russia over the next five years to help in the building of a more open society, he said. He will open the first of 32 Internet centres at Yaroslavl, a city near Moscow, and the month

Wales lures £5m plant

SPM, the American plastics company, yesterday announced plans for a E5 million plant in the Cynon Valley, South Wales, which will open early next year and create 130 new jobs. SPM, a subsidiary of Dynacast, is one of the top ten injection moulding companies in North America. It supplies telecommunications, electronics and automotive companies. One of its biggest customers, Northern Telecom of Canada, has a plant in Cwmcarn, South Wales, which influenced SPM's decision.

B Elliott lifts profits

B ELLIOTT, the engineering group engaged in manufacturing and measurement systems, power conversion and control equipment, lifted pre-tax profits to £5.1 million in the year to March 31 from £4.3 million previously. Earnings were 10.08p a share (8.84p). The final dividend of 1.8p a share lifts the total to 3p (2.5p). The company proposes to sell Newall Aerospace, which accounted for 5 per cent of last year's turnover of £118.4 million. The shares rose 4p to 91p yesterday.

Southnews advances

SOUTHNEWS, the publisher of free and paid-for newspapers in London and the Home Counties, lifted pre-tax profits by 6 per cent to £3.37 million in the year to March 30 despite a sharp increase in newsprint prices. Higher advertising rates allowed operating profit to rise by 36 per cent to £4.6 million, with a £237,000 contribution from the newly purchased Croydon Advertiser. The final dividend was raised to 4.05p (3.10p), making a year total of 5.81p (4.45p).

Euromoney ahead

EUROMONEY PUBLICATIONS earned £11.5 million before tax in the half-year to March 31, rising from £10.4 million in the first half of the previous year. Earnings were 32p a share, against 30p. The interim dividend is held at 14p a share. The company, which held cash of £34 million at March 31, is again actively seeking acquisitions. The company is committed to spending £9.5 million on further equity stakes in existing subsidiaries and associates.

latterly as managing director of Mars UK until 1991.

been appointed chief executive of Hillsdown Holdings, the food manufacturing and processing group. He will succeed David New-

ton, who has told the board he intends to resign to pursue his Greener, 50, served for 20 years in the Mars Group.

Hillsdown appoints new chief

Until recently he was chief executive of BAT UK Financial Services and a board

Mr Newton, 53, will stay at Hillsdown until September to ensure a smooth handover. He joined Hillsdown in 1982 was appointed to the board in 1986, becoming chief executive in 1993.

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Japanese invest in

Scotland BY OUR CITY STAFF

MORE than 200 jobs are to be industrial investments by two

Japanese electronics firms. The Tenma (UK) company expansion of its plant at Cumbernauld, near Glasgow, which will create 119 jobs over the next three years, while Kohdensha is to invest £6.5 million in a new plant at Dunfermline, Fife, which will create 87 jobs over lour years. The move was announced in Tokyo today by Michael For-syth, the Scottish Secretary, who is on a tour of Japan to promote Scotland as a location for inward investment. Both

their presence in Scotland as a spin-off of a £10 million investment announced last year by Canon, the electronics group. at Glenrothes, Fife. Kohdensha, which is part of Mitsubishi, will make circuit boards for Canon printers, and Tenma, which set up an

five years ago, will make other Mr Forsyth hailed the move as a vote of confidence for Scotland which would reinforce its international electron-

operation at Cumbernauld

API makes cash call | Breweries for £20m purchase

BTG share

price rises

to a record

BY OUR CITY STAFF

SHARES of BTG, the patent

licensing group that was for-

merly state-owned, rose to a high of £18.15 yesterday after

the company said it had made

further progress in bringing its portfolio of inventions to

The shares, which were placed on the stock market at

225p in July 1995, closed at

£17.55, down 30p on the day.

lan Harvey, chief executive,

said 52 new licences had been

signed with companies world-

wide and 104 new inventions

were accepted for the portfo-

lio. The company has high

hopes for Torotrak, a variable

transmission system, with Toyota joining Ford as licens-

ee. It is being incorporated into a fleet of Ford Mondeos.

BTG incurred pre-tax losses of £2.74 million (£370,000 loss)

for the year to the end of March. A maiden final divi-

dend of 4p a share meets the

the marketplace.



Michael Smith, API's chief executive, surprised the City

API, the international plastics. foil and coatings group, has bought the specialist film and packaging group Learoyd for £20 million. The acquisition will be funded from the proceeds of a £37 million share issue (Fraser Neison writes). The move, which took the City by surprise, came as API announced record pre-tax profits of £4.22 million (£3.3) million) for the six months to

million (£44.1 million). It lifted the dividend to 4.48p (4.07p). The acquisition will extend API's packaging interests and bring contracts with Next. Boots and Marks & Spencer. API will pay an extra £2 million for Learoyd if key executives stay and its pre-tax profits reach £3 million by April 1997. Learoyd achieved

pre-tax profits of £2.3 million

will keep tied sales'

By Alasdair Murray

MARTIN MAYS-SMITH, the chairman of Morland, yesterday said he was confident that the right of brewers to sell beer to tied retailers at a higher price than for free sales would be extended after the existing

He said that positive comments made by the Office of Fair Trading and the relatively small proportion of tied-sale agreements suggested that the existing arrangements, known as block exemption, would be

Mr Mays-Smith was speaking after the brewing and pub retailer announced a 30 per cent rise in half-year profits to £6.1 million. Overall turnover rose 26 per cent to E37 million.
Retail profits increased by
60 per cent, helped by the
acquisition of the Unicorn and Chapman pub chains. Underlying operating profits in the pub division rose by 10 per cent. Profits from the tenanted estate rose 10 per cent, with a 6 per cent increase in rent. although beer volumes fell by

2 per cent.
The interim dividend was increased by 9 per cent to 3.6p. payable on July 12. Shares in the company rose 6p to close at

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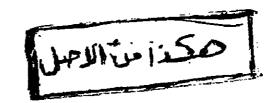
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The bottom line

Cable and Wireless plc recorded another year of strong growth across its global business in the year ended March 1996.

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Turnover	£5,517m	£5,133m	+7%
Operating profit	£1,311m	£1,134m	+16%
Pre-tax profit	£1,341m	£844 m	+59%
Pre-tax profit excluding exceptional items	£1,262m	£1,144m	+10%
Earnings per share	27.5p	11.5p	+139%
Earnings per share excluding exceptional items Dividend for the year	26.4p 10.00p	23.6p 9.05p	+12% +10%

Final dividend of 6.92p is payable on 2 September 1996 to Shareholders on the Register at 11 June 1996. If you have any queries as a Cable & Wireless Shareholder; please call us on 0171 315 4455. Copies of the Annual Report & Accounts will be posted to Shareholders on 3 June 1996. Internet web site number: http://cwix.com/cwplc/



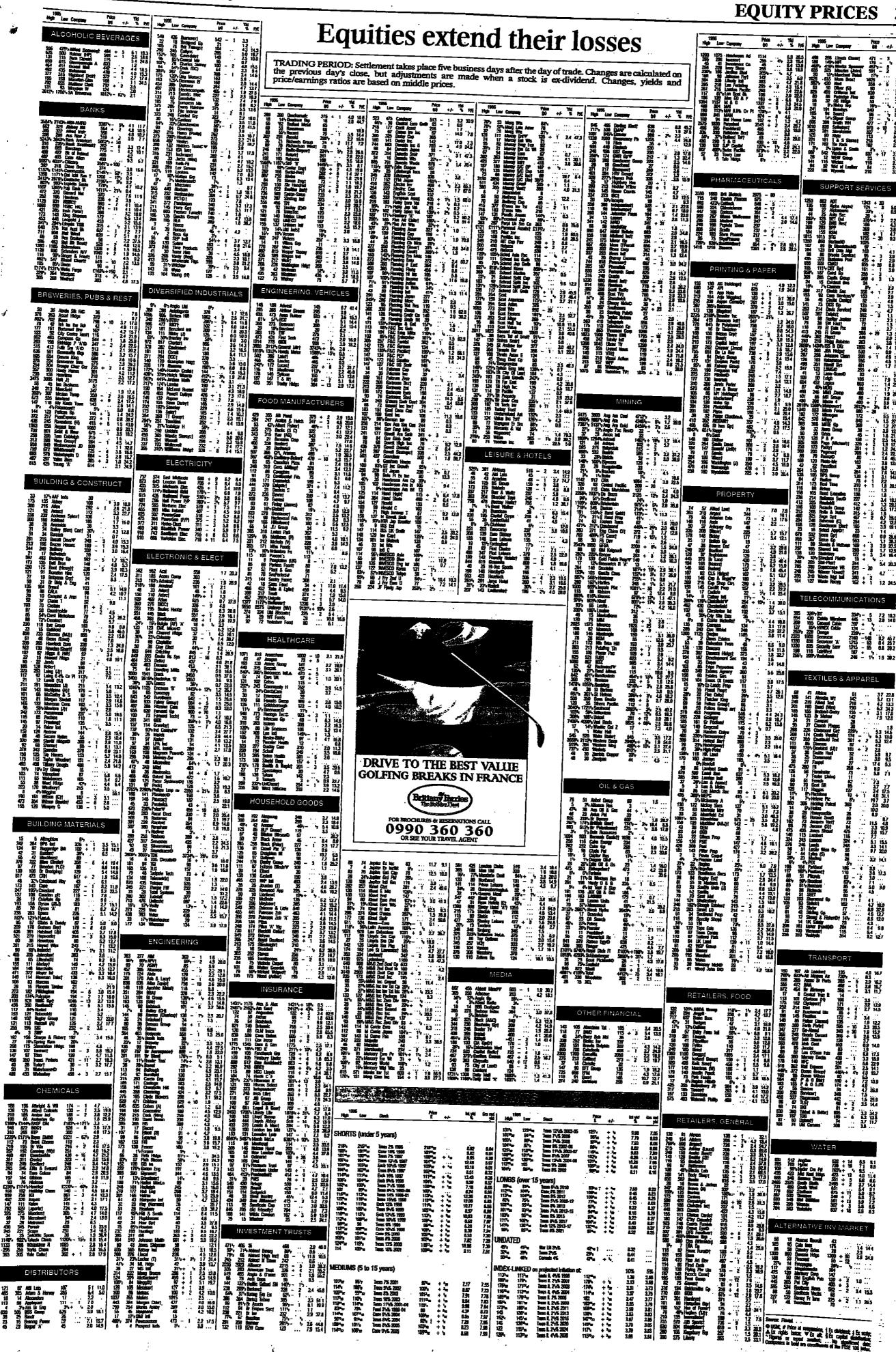
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Names' recoveries not part of Lloyd's trust

and Another Before Sir Richard Scott, Vice-

Chancellor [Judgment May 17] Litigation recoveries of names at Lloyd's did not form part of the trust which consisted of moneys belonging to or becoming payable to a name in connection with

underwriting business. A proposed amendment to the trust so as to catch the litigation recoveries to the extent of the name's indebtedness to Lloyd's was not a valid exercise of the inconsistnt with the commercial purpose of the trust deeds.

Sir Richard Scott, Vice-Chancellor, so held in a reserved judgment in the Chancery Division on an originating summons issued by the Society of Lloyd's against David Laurence Woodard and Antony Frederick John Wil-

Lloyd's sought the determination of whether the clause 2(d) provisions referred to in para-graph 1 of the schedule to each evant deed as varied on March 2. 1995 by the Council of Lloyd's in exercise or purported exercise of the power of variation or amend ment conferred on it by clause 22 of each relevant deed, were, having regard to the true construction of that power and in the events which had happened, valid.

Mr Jules Sher, QC, Mr John Lloyd's: Mr Sydney Kentridge QC. Mr Nicholas Warren, QC and Mr Paul Newman for the names: Mr Richard Slowe, solicitor, for the second defendant.

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR said that some names at Lloyd's who had suffered substantial underwriting losses had succeeded bers' agents, managing agents and syndicate auditors. Some of these

Secretary of State for Em-

Before Lord Justice Neill, Lord

Justice Morritt and Mr Justice

The exclusion of women absent

from work because of pregnancy

from the categories of employees

specified in paragraph 2(1)(b) of Schedule 3 to the Employment

Protection (Consolidation) Act

1978, who were entitled to payment

in lieu of notice, did not breach

article 119 of the EC Treaty and,

therefore, did not constitute discrimination on the ground of

The Court of Appeal so stated allowing an appeal by the Sec-retary of State for Employment

from the decision of the Employ-ment Appeal Tribunal (Mr Justice

Mummery, Miss J. W. Collerson

and Lord Gladwyn of Clee) (The Times April 7, 1995; [1995] ICR 673).

The EAT had allowed an appeal by

the applicant, Mrs Angela Clark,

Birmingham industrial tribunal of

her application for a payment in lieu of notice.

to 12 weeks notice, was on mater-

nity leave when her employer went

into liquidation. She brought a

claim against the secretary of state

under section 122 of the 1978 Act for

the payment of the difference

between the amount of the mater-

nity pay which she had received

and a normal week's pay which, she claimed, she was entitled to for

the period of her notice. When that

The applicant, who was entitled

ployment v Clark

Judgment May 15)

names had duly discharged their indebtedness to Lloyd's incurred in respect of their underwriting

Many, however, had not and Lloyd's had had to draw on its own funds to meet the insurance liabilities of those who either could not or would not provide the funds to meet their liabilities. It was not unnaturally anxious to ensure that the litigation recoveries were applied in or towards the discharge of any outstanding indebtedness of the lingants to Lloyd's.

One of the features of the arrangements under which names carried on their underwriting business was that each name was required to exercise a trust deed, known as a premiums trust deed. Lloyd's and the name's members' agent were the other parties to the

Clause 2(a)(i) provided that "the trust fund shall consist of ... all premiums and other moneys whatsoever ... now belonging or payable or hereafter at any time belonging or becoming payable to the name in connection with the

Clause 22 gave power to the Council of Lloyd's to "revoke and determine the trusts hereby constituted or (subject always to the prior approval of the secretary of state) vary or amend all or any of them or any of the provisions hereof in which manner as the council think fit. . . '

Lloyd's primary contention was that the litigation recoveries were caught by clause 2(a)(i) in that they were "moneys ... belonging to or becoming payable to the name in connection with the underwriting".

However, that argument had been rejected by Mr Justice Saville in Napier v Kershaw (unreported May 14, 1992) whose judement was approved by the Court of Appeal in Lloyd's v Morris ([1993] 2 Re LR 217), a case that decided that the

was refused she made a complaint

Section 122 specified debts of an

employer for which the secretary of

state was liable on the insolvency

of an employer and included an amount which the employer was

liable to pay the employee for a

Paragraph 2 of Schedule 3 provides: "(i) If . . . (a) the employee

is ready and willing to work but no work is provided for him by his

employer, or (b) the employee is

incapable of work because of

sickness or injury . . . the employer shall be liable . . . to pay the

employee a payment in lieu of

Article 119 defined "pay" as the

ordinary basic or minuimum

wage or salary and any other consideration ... which the worker

receives, directly or indirectly, in

respect of his employment from his

Miss Eleanor Sharoston for the

LORD JUSTICE NEILL said

that it was accepted on behalf of

the secretary of state that the applicant was entitled to invoke

article 119 directly in respect of her

claim in the industrial tribunal. It

was also accepted that for the purposes of the present appeal the payments in lieu of notice when

paid by an employer to an em-ployee constituted "pay" within the meaning of article 119.

The secretary of state did not accept, however, that payments in lieu of notice made by him pursu-

secretary of state: Mr John

to the industrial tribunal.

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effected by names were not caught

Lloyd's contended that Napier v Court of Appeal's approval in Lloyd's v Morris was merely obiter and not binding. Alternatively, it was a decision on a point of construction of a document and therefore not binding but only persuasive on an issue of construc tion of another similar document.

His Lordship disagreed. The relevant passage in the Court of Appeal's judgment in Lloyd's v Morris constituted the ratio decidendi of the case and was binding on him.

As to construction, the point about the Lloyd's premium trust deeds was that they were all in the same common form. They were not merely similar. The factual matrix in the context of which each trust deed had to be construed would be exactly the same as the factual matrix applicable to every

A decision on the true construction of words in one trust deed was not, in his Lordship's opinion, capable of being distinguished from a case in which the same words in another trust deed were being construed and a decision on construction of a document was a decision on a point of law, not a decision on facts.

It followed that a decision of the Court of Appeal on the true meaning of clause 2(a)(i) of a premiums trust deed was binding on courts of first instance before which an issue of construction of premiums trust deeds in the same

The Master of the Rolls' judgaccepted the reasoning of Mr Justice Saville in Lloyd's v Kershaw. It followed that his Lordship was bound to accept and follow Mr Justice Saville's conclusion that litigation recoveries were not caught by clause 2(a)(i) of the

Pregnancy exclusion is not sex discrimination

section 122 were "pay" within the meaning of article 119. It was

were paid by the secretary of state

under section 122 there was no

sufficient link between the employ-

ment relationship and the pay-

The applicant, on the other

hand, supported the decision of the EAT on the effect of article 119 but

also argued that she could based

her claim on paragraph 2(1)(b) of Schedule 3 to the 1978 Act.

(i) Whether the applicant could rely on paragraph 2(1)(b): (ii) whether

any payments by the secretary of

state under section 122 would

constitute "pay" within the meaning of article 119; and (iii) whether,

if the first issue were decided against the applicant, but the second in her favour, the pro-

visions in paragraph 2(1)(b) con-

The argument of the applicant

on the first issue was that the

of sickness" in paragraph 2(1)(b) should be construed so as to

include incapacity because of

His Lordship was unable to

accept that argument because (i) pregnancy could not sensibly be described as an illness; (ii) the

contrast between illness and preg-nancy was recognised elsewhere in

hancy was recognize elsewhere in the 1978 Act, and (iii) the decision in (Case C 32/93) Webb v EMO Air Cargo (UK) Ltd (1994] ICR 770). In view of the decision which his

Lordship had reached on the third

rds incapable of work because

The three principal issues were:

that when such sums

In any event, and apart from the these methods would require, if the obligation to follow binding au-thority, his Lordship agreed with Mr Justice Saville's conclusions.

In addition Lloyd's had purported to exercise their power of amendment under clause 22 adding a new subclause (d) to clause 2 whereby the litigation recoveries became to the extent of the name's indebtedness to Lloyd's, if any. part of the trust fund.

The names protested that the power of amendment conferred on Lloyd's by clause 22 was never intended to be used for the purpose of adding to the trust fund assets outside those which the conduct of the names' underwriting business

There were no words limiting the scope of the power to "vary or amend all or any of ... the provisions" of the trust deed. But it was accepted that any amendment made under the clause 22 power had to be consistent with the commercial purpose of the trust

The prime commercial purpose of each premium trust deed was to ensure that the business receipts of the syndicate underwriting business that the managing agent was conducting, for example, the preni was miums received from policy holders, the proceeds of syndicate of salvage claims or other subroga-tion claims resulting from pay-ments to policy holders, were under the control of the name's agent and were available to meet the losses and expenses of the

name's underwriting business.

If, and whenever it was thought that the trust fund held under any trust deed was inadequate, there were ample contractual or statutory nowers vested in one or more of Lloyd's, the members' agent and the managing agent to require the names to sun ement the assets in the trust fund or the Lloyd's central

to a final conclusion on the second

issue. Nevertheless, it was his

Lordship's view that assuming

missal payable under section 51 of

the 1978 Act were "pay" within the meaning of article 119, the pay-

state under section 122 was also to

be regarded as "pay" within article

As to the third issue, in his

Lordship's judgment, it was now

clear that Community law entitled member states to make special

provisions for women who were

absent from work because of

The provisions that were made

then became a separate code. The code provided pregnant women with special protection but when in

that damages for wrongful dis

name were unable or unwilling to pay, litigation and court orders.

All of the assets falling automati cally within the trust fund were assets generated from time to time in the conduct of the underwriting business. The amendments, however, purported to add a specific existing asset, limited to the amount of a name's existing ourrent Lloyd's indebtedness, to the trust fund.

Those amendments would, if valid, enable and cause the trust deed to serve an additional and different purpose to its prime commercial purpose. The addi-tional purpose would be that of abling Lloyd's to obtain, without the consent of the name and unilaterally, security for an existing indebtedness over the assets onging to the names and specified in the amendment

His Lordship had no criticism whatsoever of Lloyd's belief that litigation recoveries, ought, in mess to other mames who had duly discharged their Lloyd's debts or who had contributed to the central fund from which defaulting names' liabilities had been met, to be applied by the names entitled thereto in discharge of any existing indebtedness to Lloyd's that those names might

Lloyd's had ample contractual powers to call upon the names in question to make their litigation recoveries available for that purpose. But what Lloyd's had done was to attempt a short cut which avoided the need for cooperation the names or the risk of the need of litigation and court orders. As sometimes happened to those

who took short cuts. Lloyd's had lost their way and failed to reach their objective. Their chosen route had involved what was a misuse of the clause 22 amending power. Solicitors: Simmons

Simmons, Richards Butler, S. J.

receipt of payments under the code

their position could not be com-

pared with that of a man or with

Accordingly, in his Lordship's

absent from work because of

pregnancy from the categories specified in paragraph 2 of Sched-

ule 3 did not amount to discrimina-

It followed that the applicant

as not entitled to recover during

the period of her maternity leave

the difference between her basic

wages and her maternity pay. His

Lordship would therefore decide

the third issue in favour of the

Lord Justice Morritt and Mr

that of a woman in work.

tion on the ground of sex.

secretary of state.

Justice Tucker agreed.

Reinsurers liable when sum payable ascertained

Charter Reinsurance Co Ltd v Fagan and Others

Before Lord Goff of Chieveley. Lord Griffiths. Lord Browne-Wilkinson, Lord Mustill and Lord Hoffmann

(Speeches May 22)

For members of Lloyd's syndicates to be liable under a reinsurance contract which provided in the ultimate net loss clause for payment for "the sum actually paid", it was sufficient that the claim against which the reinsurance was to indemnify them had been established to be immediately payable and it was not necessary to have been actually paid.

The House of Lords so held in dismissing an appeal brought by Mr Patrick Feltrim Fagan and all other members of Lloyd's Syn-dicates 540 and 542 for the 1989 account, against the dismissal by the Court of Appeal (The Times November 6, 1995) by a majority (Lord Justice Staughton dissenting) of the syndicates' appeal from on July 5, 1995 that they were liable under reinsurance contracts with the reinsured. Charter Reinsur-ance Co Ltd, despite the fact that Charter was in provisional liquidation and unable to pay its debts.

The reinsurance contracts proers shall only be liable if and when the ultimate net loss sustained by the reinsured ... exceeds ... (c)
The term 'net loss' shall mean the sum actually paid by the reinsured in settlement of losses or iability....

Mr Jonathan Sumption. QC, Mr Robert Hildyard, QC and Mr Stephen Ruttle for the syndicates, Mr Sydney Kentridge, QC, Mr John Rowland and Mr Andrew Neish for Charter.

LORD MUSTILL said that the syndicates did not dispute that all the requirements of a valid claim against them by Charter were esent, save that Charter had not and could not pay the claims which the syndicates had reinsured. Thus the syndicates argued that Charter had no cause of action under the

The practical importance of the defence, if sound, was obvious and its implications had been multiplied by the levels of financial frailty experienced in the London nsurance market in recent years. Across the market as a whole very large sums depended upon it, and the lirigation from which the appeal stemmed had been brought

The case for the syndicates was created a condition precedent that Charter should have paid under

expression had a natural and ordinary meaning, effect should be given to it. By no stretch of language could it be extended to cover a situation in which Charter had not made any disbursement. actual or even notional, and would

Initially, his Lordship had thought that the meaning of the words was quite clear and that the complexities and mysteries of the specialist insurance market had hidden the obvious solution and had led the courts below to abjure the simple and right answer and to force on the words a meaning which they could not possibly bear. However, this was an occasion

when a first impression and a simple answer no longer seemed best, since his Lordship realised that the focus of the argument was too narrow. The words had to be set in the landscape of the instrument as a whole. Once that was done, the shape of the policy and the purpose of the terms became quite clear.

Four essential features of the urance were described: the perils insured against; the measure of indemnity: the duration of the cover, and the premium. What mattered was the group of pro-visions which established the measure of indemnity, once a loss by His Lordship would break those down as follows:

(i) Clause 2(a) fixed the level at £3,000,000 at which the financial prejudice suffered by Charter under the policies in consequence of a loss by a peril insured under the policy caused a liability to

(ii) Clause 2(b) incorporated into the scheme of the policy four sets of layered specific insurances identi-fied in the schedule. When an event occurred which was a peril insured under one of those sets of insurances and also under the policy the limits of all the insurances comprising that account had to be began to fall under the policy.

(iii) Clause 2(c) gave meaning to clause 2(a) by defining ultimate net loss and made clear that the syndicates were not to pay losses gross, but that there was to be a netting down for recoveries, sal-vage, etc when ascertaining whether, and if so by how much, the relevant liabilities of Charter crossed the boundary into the layer covered by the policy.

(iv) Clause 2(d) elaborated clause 2(c) by making it clear that the fixing of an ultimate net loss in respect of any set of linked losses was provisional, in the sense that the amount of it, and hence its impact on that layer of insurance was to be open to re-computation if and when items of the identified

(v) The proviso in the second part of clause 2(d) emphasised that even though the computation of an ultimate net loss was provisional. if it yielded a figure broaching the bottom of the layer insured under the policy it would then be recoverable even il a subsequent recalculation might lead to an upward or downward adjustment (vi) Clause 2(e) ensured that the calculation of the ultimate net loss

under clause 2(a) did not involve a deduction of the liabilities on the underlying layers, so as to diminish the possibility of a recovery on the layer covered by the policy. Analysed in that way, the policy

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showed that it required the satisfaction of only two conditions before an indemnity fell due.

First, that an insured event occurred within the period of the policy and second that the event produced a loss to Charter of a degree sufficient, when ultimately worked out, to bring the particular layer of reinsurance into play.

That reading accommodated without strain the words "if and when" in clause 2(a); for they were concerned only with the point, not of time but with arithmetic, at which the figures for the ultimate net loss reached the appropriate

Equally, his Lordship was satisfied that the purpose of "the sum actually paid" in clause 2(c) was not to impose an additional condition precedent in relation to the . disbursement of funds, but to emphasise that it was the ultimate outcome of the net loss calculation which determined the final liability of the syndicates under the

In this context, "actually" meant in the event when finally ascertained", and "paid" meant "exposed to liability as a result of the sured under [another] clause". Those were far from the or-

dinary meanings of the words, and they might be far reaching from the meanings which they would have had in other policies, and particularly in first-tier policies of

But their Lordships were called upon to interpret them in a very specialised form of reinsurance, and his Lordship was now satisfied that, as Mr Justice Mance had said at first instance, the words in question did not have the purpose of introducing a temporal precondition to recovery in the form of disbursement or other commitment between Charter and its reinsured, but were there "for the purpose of measurement".

Lord Goff, Lord Griffiths and and Lord Hoffmann delivered a concurring speech. Solicitors: Ince & Co: Davies

Curing magistrates' court unfairness on appeal

tices. Ex parte Dowler Before Lord Justice Henry and Mr Justice Turner

Miss Isabel Dakyns for Mr Dowler, Mr John W. Gibson for LORD JUSTICE TURNER, giv-

that the application raised one issue of general importance: where the conviction before the magistrates was flawed by procedural unfairness (failure to disclose to the defendant a potentially helpful witness statement), which had since been rectified (by delivery of the statement), and the defendant had in train an appeal by way of complete rehearing to the crown court judge sitting with magistrates under section 108 of the 1980 Act, should the Divisional cretion: (i) quash the conviction and remit the case to the magistrates for retrial; or (ii) refuse to grant relief on the basis that the statutory appeal under section 108 provided a satisfactory remedy?

1 The right of appeal under section

2 An appeal by way of case stated on the grounds that the conviction was wrong in law or in excess of jurisdiction under section 111. That appeal was an alternative to the section 108 appeal.

challenge to the decision-making process. It could cover the same ground as appeals by way of case stated. An allegation of procedural unfairness ordinarily fell more naturally into the territory of judicial review particularly where

view was that an appeal had to be months of the grounds arising. If the more leisurely timetable of

delay challenges to magistrates' decisions, the clear intention of Parliament would be defeated. Miss Dakyns conceded that in

She submitted that was not the

Regina v Peterborough Jus- case here. Under the appellate Barnes, Ex parte Lord Vernon irregularity. scheme to be found in the 1980 Act. the accused was entitled to a fair trial before the magistrates and, if convicted, a fair rehearing before

> If that were right, then it would follow that if the rehearing occurred before the judicial review, and the crown court fairly convicted, that conviction would be invalid if the original conviction procedural unfairness. She advanced no reason why a fair hearing in the crown court should in the circumstances be other than

> just that: fair. The court was satisfied that the submission could not be correct. First, in the field of criminal law, their Lordships knew of no prin-ciple, let alone authority, to suggest that a person was entitled to more than one fair trial. The present case was unlike an appeal against the jury's verdict. When a jury's verdict was challenged, there was

> no automatic right to a retrial. The right to a retrial after conviction by magistrates seemed to their Lordships to be given to reflect the fact that a lay bench might get it wrong, rather than to ensure that the defendant was victed before the conviction could be upheld. There was no reason in law or in sense for the defendant to

be given an extra "life". In appeals within domestic or other specialist tribunals, other considerations might apply and Mr Justice Meggary's dictum in Leary v National Union of Vehicle Builders [[1971] Ch 34, 49) might be appropriate but always subject to the qualification made by Lord Wilberforce in Calvin v Carr ([1980] AC 574, 593).

Second, R v Barnes, Ex parte Lord Vernon ([1910] LT 860) was authority to the contrary. Lord Alveston there made it clear that even if the original conviction before the magistrates were quashed for unfairness, the convicon on appeal by way of rehearing to quarter sessions would stand unaffected. And that was the assumption that the court made when refusing judicial review R v Mid-Worcestershire Justices, Ex parte Hart ([1989] COD 397).

Third, the provisions of section 111(4) of the 1980 Act obliged a person who both wished to obtain certiorari on appeal by way of case stated and to challenge the conviction on its merits to raise both

procedural unfairness in the first trial academic. If the appellant was convicted again, it then mattered not whether the original conviction stood or fell, likewise if the appellant was acquitted.

which had not been cited.

Having decided that under the appeal procedures of the 1980 Act a rocedurally unfair conviction before the magistrates might be cured by a fair trial on appeal to the crown court, the question of discretion to quash the conviction before the magistrates answered itself. Judicial review should be

More difficult cases might arise where the defendant had not appealed under section 108, but had gone straight for the judicial review remedy for procedural

ing, as their Lord- dicial review heari ships did, that the procedural irregularity would not recur in the section 108 rehearing, why should not the applicant be refused leave

on the basis that the section 108 appeal could be made available to him, whether or not any judicial review succeeded?

That would allow exceptional cases still to be brought by way of judicial review when the court considered that such a course would best meet the real justice of the case, as where it might be

determinative of the whole case.

an unnecessary hearing, unnecessary costs and unnecessary delay. That was a point for the leave stage, on which the potential respondent should be heard. Solicitors: Greenwoods, Peter-borough; Crown Prosecution Ser-

vice, Cambridge,

Correction In Akinbolu v Hackney LBC (The Times May 13) Mr Simon Read appeared as junior to Mr James Goudie, QC, for Mr Akinbolu.



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Judgment May 3] Under the appeal procedures of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, a procedurally unfair conviction before the magistrates might be cured by a fair trial on appeal to the crown court.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so stated in a reserved judgment when dismissing an application for judicial review by Stuart Dowler to quash his conviction before Peterborough Justices on October 11, 1994 for driving

without due care and attention. the prosecution.

ing the judgment of the court, said Convictions in the magistrates

court could be challenged in three

3 Challenge by way of judicial review. That challenge was not an appeal as such, but a collateral

there was no factual dispute. One difference between the appeals procedure and judicial restarted within 21 days of conviction, whereas leave to apply for judicial review should be made promptly, at least within three

judicial review were permitted to

each case it must be a matter of the court's discretion whether to grant judicial review and that it should not be granted where there existed an equally effective and convenient

points on his appeal. But if, as would almost invariably be the case, the error in law or procedural unfairness was cured in the appeal, then the result of the appeal would render the issue as to the impact of the error of law or

In so finding, their Lordships differed from the decision in R v Bradford Justices, Ex parte Wilkinson (1991) I WLR 692), which they were entitled to do as that decision was in conflict with R v



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OPERA

David Leveaux, Harold Pinter's favourite director, turns his theatrical talents on a new Salome for ENO



THEATRE 1

The prolific playwright Peter Whelan scores again with The *Herbal Bed*, his latest for the RSC





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Maly Drama brings a not-to-be-missed production to Nottingham



CONCERT

Esa-Pekka Salonen and the Stockholm Chamber Orchestra bring inspired music-making to the Barbican

OPERA: Andy Lavender talks to director David Leveaux about Salome, sex and keeping a low profile

Invisible man lifts the veil

omebody once said to me.
How many times are you going to be rediscovered?"
David Leveaux recalls. Leveaux is 38 years old and fif you have not yet discovered him) is a theatre and opera director. He first came to notice at the age of 24 with an award-winning production of Eugene O'Neill's A Moon for the Misbegotten in London. He was invited to direct the play for the American Repertory Theatre; the new production transferred to Broadway and further awards followed. Since then he has dipped in and out of the National Theatre and the Royal Shakespeare Company, London's

West End and prestigious theatres in countries as far **6** Some kinds apart as America, Turkey and Japan. of decadence He is Britain's don't seem

Pimpernel director. one minute lost to view, the next popping up somewhere resonant in the world with a rather fine producany more 7 tion. Was he most recently rediscovered a couple of years ago, when he directed Harold

Pinter's No Man's Land at the Almeida, in a production starring the playwright himself and Paul Eddington? That show, with the most subtle nuances of pace and tone, transferred to the Cornedy Theatre. Or was it when he received a Tony Award nomination for best direction for his New York production of O'Neill's Anna Christie, starring Liam Neeson and Natasha Richardson? Or when Pinter entrusted him with his most recent play, Moonlight, which made the familiar journey from Islington to

the West End? In any event, Leveaux seems to have combined a glittering career with a low profile. He might have to brace himself for being rediscovered all over again, however, for he is currently putting the finishing touches to his first production for English

National Opera — Richard Strauss's version of Oscar Wilde's Salome. The invitation to direct the opera came, he says, after his production of The Turn of the Screw for Scottish Opera. "It was a very odd, pathologi-cal production," he recalls. "I think that was probably what ENO had in mind. They knew that if I was to

some kind of biblical epic."

Leveaux insists that he is not a "concept" director, fixing the production even before he has met the performers in the rehearsal room. "If I do have a style," he says after some thought, "it's to do with trying to locate the unconscious pulses that cause a scene to move in a certain way, and bring those to the surface."

What better approach could there be for Salome, given the text's cocktail of eroticism and violence? The story is familiar: John the Baptist has been imprisoned in the palace of Herod. When the Tetrarch begs his stepdaughter, Salome, to dance for

> him, she agrees, on condition that he deliver to her the head of the fascinating but disquieting prophet. So much for the plot. The unconscious pulses racing beneath it are to do with paedophiliac desire, sexuawakening, beauty, blasphenry and apocalypse. One

critic rather sniffily described the play as "decadent purple, a symbolist extravaganza". But what purple, Wilde might have

"In the Wildean sense you can understand the play as being a philosophical and erotic investigation of the pursuit of beauty and the pursuit of love," says Leveaux. "It's homosexual literature. But Strauss, this pillar of bourgeois propriety, why did he approach this story? I guess that, like Wilde, he was asking. What is the nature of innocence

What is the nature of sin? 'Strauss has transferred it to opera with staggering fidelity, and then taken it further. You don't feel that this is a play that has somehow been diminished by the addition of music."

Wilde's play was produced in Paris in 1896, although it was banned in this country and only received its first public performance here in 1929. Strauss's opera was written in 1905. The piece does have a turn-of-thecentury flavour. It is also, Leveaux suggests, appropriate to our own fin de siècle - not in any forced sense of "relevance", but in its psychological undercurrents. "It's a kind of neurotic piece," he says. "We're living in



The Pimpernel of British theatre, David Leveaux: "I don't have some cultish desire to be utterly secret"

redemption is so potent that a storyabout a young woman whom we desire and yet who does something absolutely unforgivable is very concrete

The designer, Leveaux's longstanding collaborator Vicki Mortimer, has provided "a black wall standing in black space". The set indicates Leveaux's stripped-down approach.

"Some kinds of sensual decadence don't seem to me to be particularly resonant any more," he says. "One just wants to look at what actually

neurotic times, where the desire for happens in the opera — so we've and Western theatre experiences redemption is so potent that a story removed at least six of the seven veils, more extensively than is usually the as it were. We don't have a Dance of the Seven Veils."

> Leveaux declines to describe what Kristine Ciesinski, who plays Salo-me, will present instead, being content to observe that, "once you get to some kind of human nakedness, that's when revelation begins now". Phrases like this indicate Leveaux's confidence. For the past three years he has been artistic director of Theatre Project Tokyo, a company hie

> formed in order to mingle Eastern

more extensively than is usually the case when a West End director jets off to Japan. This means spending up to five months a year directing three

productions in Tokyo.

Now that TPT has established itself, he is contemplating a return of sorts to Europe. "I don't have some cultish desire to be utterly secret," he says. Not that Leveaux needs rediscovering all over again. Just noticing a little more frequently.

• Salome opens tomorrow at the Coliseum (0171-632 8300)

Painting by French numbers

TUESDAY night's offering from the Philharmonia in the Après l'Après-midi series featured three masterpieces but juxtaposed them with two other intriguing scores that filled out the picture of 20thcentury French composition. The early evening concert was devoted to the world premiere of Sigrancia Ballade by Betsy

Jolas was born in France, and, as pupil and subsequently colleague of Messiaen, is a significant figure in the musical establishment. The work was introduced in a platform discussion between Jolas and John Amis, but not a lot was given away. Nor was Jolas willing to give much help with the text, which was impenetrable as only the French know how. The verb "marcher" loomed large and a walking motif stalked the work. David Wilson-Johnson delivered the text with characteristic brio, but the task of communication was an uphill one.

Rather more engaging was Henri Dutilleux's Timbres, espace, mouvement, which deplovs an unusual orchestral layout to superb effect. Violins and violas are absent, which paradoxically draws attention to treble-range parts (provided by wind and brass), separated as they are from the welldelineated bass lines (12 cellos,

Philharmonia/ **Tortelier** Festival Hall

who have an interlude to themselves). That spacial sense is the "espace" of the title, while the "mouvement" refers to the wind and brass textures that conjure the whirling, turbulent night sky of Van Gogh's La nuit étoilée (The Starry Night), the work's

If this was far more than tone painting, so too was Yan Pascal Tortelier's reading of Debussy's La mer. He lost no time in whipping up the stormy winds of the last movement, yet the vividness of the drama seemed to betoken an agitated psychological state rather than mere pictorialism.

Similarly dramatic — almost operatic -Tortelier's exhilarating account of the second suite from Ravel's Daphnis et Chloe, with full-blooded contributions from the Philharmonia Chorus. Ravel's Piano Concerto in D for the left hand was also given an extrovert performance, with Jean-Philippe Collard a demonstrative

BARRY MILLINGTON

An inspired hand

THE fluent clarity that Esa-Pekka Salonen brings to the most complex of works makes his reputation as an excellent conductor of difficult music easy to understand. But it was reassuring to hear the same qualities in his performances of standard repertory at the Barbican on Tuesday: he gave freshly-inspiring accounts of works by Prokofiev, Beetho-

ven and Strauss. Salonen was visiting with 'his" Stockholm Chamber Orchestra - he is artistic director - and their rapport paid dividends. Prokofiev's Classical Symphony revealed the orchestra's sound, which is based on warm, resonant strings and characterful winds. The group functions —

with efficiency and style. But the players did not lack humour in the Gavotte, or the infectious high spirits called for in the whirling Finale.

A modest-sized orchestra

like Scandinavian furniture —

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like this is ideally suited to Beethoven's early Piano Concerto No 2, and in the finale its players were easily able to match the spiky dance rhythms of Yelim Broniman at the keyboard. He proved an invigorating soloist, by turns poetic and powerful.

In Strauss's Metamorphosen for 23 solo strings, no star stood out, which helped to preserve the sense of this being a multilayered chamber work. Salonen shaped Strauss's 1945 dirge for a lost Munich with spiritual intensity. Grief and anger turned to resignation as the spring at the work's centre was released with unforced naturalness.

JOHN ALLISON

THEATRE: Shakespeare's daughter defends her name in Peter Whelan's latest; plus, insight into the Russian soul

Richard Cork selects highlights from the National Gallery exhibition

n 1613 Susanna Shakespeare, daughter of the more famous Will and married to a Stratford physician, sued a young gentleman for slander. He had publicly accused her of having "the runinge of the reynes", ie, gonorrhoea, and that she had been naught", ie, lascivious, with a haberdasher of the

town, one Rafe Smith. This is known because the case went to the Consistory Court at Worcester Cathedral, where the archives survive.

Not a great deal more is known about the case or the people involved, though Susanna's husband, Dr John Hall, kept a detailed casebook of his treatments, many of whose ingredients he grew in his own herb garden.

Peter Whelan sets his latest play on a paved courtyard midway between this garden and the room where the doctor mixes the medicines. The rear wall of the stage (design: Robert Jones) is a towering fence of wattle and daub. across which an episcopal curtain is drawn for the scene

The absorbing play that Whelan has created, by allowing facts and imagination to combine, satisfies the human curiosity to know what might lie behind the bare statements of a legal document. How did the accusation come about? Was there any truth in it?

In looking for a persuasive answer Whelan creates a group of individuals whose interlocking lives have the blood of reality pulsing through them. Even more successfully than in his play about Marlowe, The School of Night, Whelan brings a by-

gone age to life. Michael Attenborough is a director who can inspire his cast to create details of appearance, movement and interaction that make them seem current with their characters.

Suit of her honour

The Herbal Bed The Other Place, Stratford

The trickiest task falls to Teresa Banham (Susanna), who must present respect for her husband and (mostly) frustrated love for Rafe, while at the same time show that she

Degas commenced this picture by reworking an earlier canvas, obliter-

ating the dancer who once

filled the centre of the com-

position. The figures have

been pushed to the sides,

leaving the floor surprising-ly empty. Light spreads across it from a distant

window, but the rehearsal

room remains dim. The four

ballerinas practising at the

upper edge are blurred, their

limbs brushed in loosely by a

painter no longer concerned

The older he grew, the more Degas simplified his technique. He aimed at con-

veying the essence of a scene,

and the four figures are defined with the utmost

economy. The sprightliness

of their upturned legs is

contrasted with the languor

of the two dancers in the

with meticulous detail.

is essentially good. Banham gives reality to Whelan's portait of a complex, immorally moral being.

Susanna endures anxiety; others suffer pain: Liam Cunningham's Dr Hall, wrenching his attention from the sickness outside his house to that within; Joseph Fiennes's Rafe, choking in the turbulence of desire and religious belief. Further from the centre are David Tennant, the confused rakehell, and Jay McInnes's equivocating servant, Hester. Stephen Boxer's Puritan inquisitor thrillingly racks the tension in the courtroom scene. Will Shakespeare is just about to make his entrance. dying, when the play ends.

JEREMY KINGSTON

foreground. Weary after re-

hearsing, they rest and at-

tend to their own bodies.

Degas catches them off-

guard, absorbed in their own

activities. He makes no at-

tempt to romanticise their hard-working lives. But their

A loose grasp on reality

ince the Wall came down and the Iron Curtain was raised, Lev Dodin's dazzling Maly Drama Theatre Company has been welcomed with open arms worldwide. In 1994 the troupe brought five celebrated productions to Britain, among them Stars in the Morning Sky and The Cherry Orchard. Now comes the chance, not to be missed, to catch Claustrophobia. Funny, surreal, bleak or hopeful, this is an extraordinary vision of the Russian soul, an expressionistic picture of Eastern Europeans in the

Nineties. Everything happens in a

"A tender poetry": Before the ballet, c.1890-92. National Gallery of Art, Washington

surroundings are reduced to

a hazy veil of colour, applied

with fingers as much as

The sensuousness of his

mark-making, combined

with the soft colours he

favours throughout

Claustrophobia Nottingham Playhouse

white room. The whole thing may be inside your head yet we have also been transported, quite specifically, to Room No 319 in the old Theatre Academy in St Petersburg.

The room has been completely whitewashed, but not recently. While institutionally stark, it retains, or has acquired, quiet grace: its high walls tapering away towards

painting, give it a subdued,

● Degas: Beyond Impressionism is at the National Gallery until

Aug 26 ttickets from First Call,

tender poetry.

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far doors, a few radiator pipes. SECTION OF THE STATE OF THE SECURITY OF THE SECTION OF THE SECTION

class warms up.

Room 319 is where the young students of the Maly Drama Theatre School are taught to act, improvise, create new worlds.

a practice bar where a ballet

Dodin's young actors and actresses take on a mass of characters. They might be inmates in a detention camp, the homeless seeking shelter in a church, institutionalised lunatics, army officers, or former drama students simply wandering into an old dance

The company portrays people in flux, caught between - or escaping into - the past and the future. These people come under different influences: capitalist, communist, Christian, neat spirits, high spirits. They confuse hard facts and fictions, enjoy new freedoms but also crave the old dictated securities.

At once vastly imaginative and masterfully controlled, Dodin's cast seemlessly merges dramatic dialogue with modern ballet or a burst of jazz. A disillusioned downand-out's speech slides into a monotonal aria; folk choiring changes into the chugging of a train packed with Soviet recruits or perhaps social rebels.

Apart from the significance of the odd scene being hard to decode, not helped by the split focus of surtitles, this piece is richly suggestive and power-

tional intensity strong. KATE BASSETT

fully absorbing. The ensemble

playing is superb, the emo-

 Claustrophobia, hosted by a small consortium of theatres and supported by Barclays Stage Partners and the Arts Council of England among others, tours to Giasgow's Tramway and the Lyric, Hammersmith

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abroad. Waltz gives the tinal part of her Travelogue trilogy, All Ways Str. Steps, accompanied by Tristan Honsanger's accompanied by Tristan Honsanger's juzz score Meanwhile, the New York choreographer Tristan Brown arrives at the Queen Etizabeth Hall for her only

the cheek exceeds her for her only dates in London.
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SALOME Strauss's sensuous and decadent work receives a powerful new production at English National Opera, with Kristine Clesinski in the title role.

with Kristins Classinski in the tible role, Robert Hayward as the prophet and object of her desire, and Sally Burgess and Alan Woodrow as her monstrous parents. The director is David Leveaux (see leature on page 35).
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As the London Blues Festival begins, Clive Davis meets rising star Keb' Mo'

Outstanding at crossroads

he name suggests all kinds of possibilities. Keb' Mo' could be the latest baseball-capwearing homeboy to walk into a gold-plated recording contract. Or he could be the new world-music sensa-tion from Mali. Or a blind, half-lame folk singer discovered on a porch in

deepest Mississippi. In fact, Keb' Mo' is none of these, although that last description is reasonably close to home. A fortysomething singer-guitarist whose real name is the much more prosaic Kevin Moore, he has leapfrogged to the front rank of contemporary blues artists on the strength of just one album. With a follow-up due for release next month, he brings his charismatic blend of original tunes and Robert Johnson cover versions to the London Blues

Festival this weekend.

As a revivalist, Moore is following the path trodden by that other exotically named guitarist, Taj Mahal. Both

men bring a refreshing aura of spontaneity to their material. What was so startling about his first album, simply entitled Keb Mo, was that it was largely made up of his own compositions, some acoustic, others played on electric guitar. To discover a 1990s singer-songwriter who can work in this vein without slipping into selfconscious pastiche or rock n'roll bom-

bast is a rare pleasure. A jobbing musician who has had to wait a long time for the chance to prove himself, Moore is a latecomer - a semi-detached bluesman, if you will. "I don't consider myself a real blues musician," he says. "The blues has its own distinct tradition. It's just the kind of music that shines through in any

the 12-bar themes as simply one strand? of his musical DNA, he explains that Victims of Comfort, one of the tracks on his last album, was originally conceived as a Phil Collins-type production number with swirling synthesizers and stadium-size drums. Some musicians would go to great lengths to cover up any interest, past or present, in someone like Collins. Moore, a soft-

look back on it as just one more point along the learning curve.

His parents provided a link, how-ever tenuous, with the blues Southern roots: his mother was born in Texas. his father in northern Louisiana. Moore himself passed through a succession of studio and touring assignments, including a spell with electric violinist Papa John Creach, before being signed to a label in 1980. The record that resulted — which he has described as "like alternative R&B. a little folk, a little reggae" - made little impact.

It was not until six years ago that his career took a decisive turn, when a Los Angeles theatre company was looking for a musician to play Delta blues in a new production. Moore was offered the part and set about immersing himself in the recordings of Johnson and Big Bill Broonzy.

e stepped back into Johnson's enigmatic world when he portrayed him in . a dramatised documentary made recently for American public television. The singer's turbulent life, and all the talk of his making a Faustian pact with the Devil one night at a lonely crossroads, have long been the stuff of rock mythology. Moore sees matters in a more matter-of-fact light.

"It wasn't a heavy-duty acting role it just gave me a chance to walk in his shoes a little. But it helped me understand what 'going to the cross-roads' is all about. I think it's symbolic of commitment. Johnson didn't sell his soul to the Devil, he went to the woodshed — he worked on his music.

etting."
"In this business you reach a point
To underline the point that he sees—where you have to decide am I in it, or am I out? There was a time when I felt I had to decide whether I was going to stay with music or whether I was going to do something else. But really I had no choice. Music is the only thing that motivates me."

> • Keb Mo is at the Waterman's Arts Centre tonight and Blackheath Concert Halls tomorrow. His new album, Just Like You, will be released by Okeh on June 24



Chaus performe Ractumentace's Vespers at St Bartholomew's Church. On Sunday (The Donne, 8pm), the festival closes with Yuri Ternifrance conducting the Repair Philibrance lic. Orchestra and Brighton Festival Chorus in Marker's Resurrection Symphony; with Susan Chilcott, Ketannia Kameus Festival box office (07273 709 709) for efformation and brookers.

ERIGHTON: The 30th international arts festival ends this weekend with Rough Magic louring theathe company's production of Stewart Parks''s play Pentecest, set during the Uster Workers' Council strike of 1974, and directed by Purks''s nace, Lynne (Theathe Royal — 01273 328 488; chinght, tomogné, tomo

THEATRE GUIDE Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

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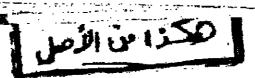
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Violent images and a shuffling hip-hop beat in Return of the Real, the latest release by gangsta rapper Ice T



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NEW RELEASES: David Sinclair on albums by Ice T and

Peter Perrett, and a slice of single cheese from Mike Flowers

ICE T VI: Return of the Real (Priority/Rhyme Syndicate/Virgin 7243 8 41700) OF ALL the gangsta rap acts, Ice T

has made the greatest impression on the British mainstream. As author, actor and presenter of Baadasss TV (which returns to Channel 4 tonight), he has become an articulate figurehead for an American strand of black consciousness that many people find distasteful at best.

For while the fictional representation of violence in literature and film is part of an established tradition, the use of music as a vehicle for such purposes still strikes a disturbing chord. On Pimp Anthem, for instance, the frequently repeated refrain of "Bitches get my money before you get dropped" is accompanied by a woman's scream and the sound of a fist hitting a face. The effect of the imagery is all the more chilling for the casual way in which it is linked to a shuffling hip-hop beat. The oft-repeated message that these ugly tales of life in South Central LA are an accurate reflection of reality - a point rammed home on the title

track — is, frankly, not reassuring.

That said, there is an undeniable poetic fluency to Ice's grim rhymes. especially the autobiographical I Must Stand and, along with the everyday street sounds of squealing tyres and gunshots, the album is

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distinguished by some supremely

taut beats and bass loops. And if you look for it, Return of the Real is also leavened by a thin thread of black humour. Com-plaining with customary delicacy about the artistic interference which rap acts apparently endure from the "Jewish mother" who run their record companies, Ice comments: "Their sees way off course/It's like me telling Johnny Cash how to sing about his horse."

GABRIELLE Gabrielle

(Go! Discs 828 724) THE long-running success of her superb single, Give Me a Little More Time, has fuelled considerable interest in Gabrielle's second album. Can there be more where that came from?

Sadly not. For, although this is another carefully crafted selection of conventional pop-soul songs with a light, upmarket sheen, the album is completely overshadowed by the grainy, pseudo-Stax production and inspired horn arrangement of that one atypical gem. Otherwise, it is business as usual.

The south London singer boasts a pleasing range of vocal tones, from meek and kittenish on I Live in Hope, to tough and husky on If You Really Cared. But she confines herself to the one subject — affairs of the heart - with lyrics that tread familiar ground.

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There are one or two good tunes, notably There She Goes, a song that would not have sounded out of place on the most recent Lloyd Cole album, but there is a disappointing lack of substance overall

PETER PERRETT IN THE ONE

Woke Up Sticky (Demon FIEND 773)

HAVING languished in dark places since the demise of the Only Ones in 1981, the wraith-like figure of Peter Perrett returns at the helm of a new group which he has halfheartedly christened the One.

A vampiric personality, touched with a fragile and largely unrecognised genius, Perrett con-tinues to write songs that evoke unsettling images of seedy glamour and hint at strange internal ago-nies. "Nodding out, white light/Shadowy figures approach with the night," he sings in his feverish, southern English croak on the poignant title track.

The album is very much cast in the image of the Only Ones and, as in the past, the musical setting often sounds a little too strait-laced to accommodate Perrett's otherworldly persona. But it is good to have him back, and his version of the old Ray Davies song I'm Not Like Everybody Else is spot on.

VARIOUS ARTISTS Common Ground

(EMI Premier 8 37691) FROM the inanities of the Eurovision Song Contest to the serious barometer of the Billboard World Music chart, where seven of this week's Top Ten albums are by Celtic acts, there is no escape, these days, from the pervasive legacy of the Irish musical tradition.

Throwing his hat into this already crowded ring, producer and sounding chant of Cathain is a multi-instrumentalist Donal Lunny has assembled an all-star cast of Irish and Irish-related acts,



including Bono and Adam Clayton of U2, Elvis Costello, Kate Bush, Sinéad O'Connor, Christy Moore and Maire Brennan to record a collection of predominantly traditional songs for Common Ground.

Although cautiously performed in some cases — although not by Liam Ó Maonlai, whose Africanwork of rare and mysterious splen-dour — the results are generally pleasing if a little predictable.

SNGLE OF THE WEEK

THE MIKE FLOWERS POPS Light My Fire/Please Release Me (London 850 617)

THE man with the golden rug is back, this time transforming hits by the Doors and Engelbert Humperdinck into instant easy-listening classics. Light My Fire has always had a supper-club ambience, and Flowers offers little advance on the José Feliciano version which was a low lizard hit in 1968. But the dirgeful ballad, Please Release Me, gets the full cheese treatment - with a sensationally irreverent horn arrangement by Smith & Elms - and comes up smelling of deliciously fake roses.

Wide awake Wener

A YEAR ago, Sleeper were enjoy-ing the thrill of their first hit and launching a debut album that was to sell 150,000 copies. The band's singer and songwriter, Louise Wener, was being feted by the pop papers, where her sharp-witted comments filled their pages and her wide-eyed look adorned their covers. Now, with their new record, The It Girl, Sleeper are receiving a more muted reception.

Sleeper have changed, it is true, but not necessarily for the worse. Boisterous enthusiasm and rudimentary resources have made way for a more sophisticated style. Keyboards and an additional guitarist flesh out the sound of the original four-piece. There is now a

> Sleeper UEA, Norwich

light show, where before there were

just lights.

The songs, too, are part of the makeover. The infectious bounce of Inbetweener is more sedate; the ribald Delicious seems more restrained. The new songs, meanwhile, show off their clever arrangements. Shrinkwrapped veers between gear-grinding guitar sounds and a gentle lilt: Good Luck Mr Gorsky drifts dreamily.

But the show still belongs to Wener. She patrols the middle of the stage: guitarist Jon Stewart and bassist Diid Osman stand quietly to the side. She exudes a quiet confidence as she refuses either pure pop irony or raw rock passion. It is a stance that recalls Debbie Harry, but it is a pity that Wener's voice sounds strained. She should treat herself to a backing

Sleeper may never rediscover the heady days of their debut, but British pop is not so overendowed that it can ignore someone who writes lines about "Dostoevsky's household tips" and then introduces the song by saying. is about knickers".

JOHN STREET

Young, gifted and slack

in this world more exciting than a genuine Rock Moment - records and per-formances by bands that are saved from being acts of sheer insanity by the cathartic coolness of the act. I remember the Manic

Street Preachers on stage two months before Richey disappeared, noses bleeding from feedback, holding their guitars and eyeing up their amps ... 20 minutes later £8,000 of debris littered the Astoria. There are others: "Jane's

Addiction's first album - it was 1990, everyone thought rock was dead. First four bars and it lived again. It was as simple as that And Primal Scream at Glastonbury in 1992, just after Screamadelica There are nice, safe, rock and pop

bands. And then there is Pusherman

came out, doing Step Inside This House. The intro's got a whistle in it -I was just standing in a field, in the dark, listening to 60,000 people whistling. The girl next to me fainted - she said later on that she got so excited thinking about how great the rest of the

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song was going to sound that her brain overheated." And Pusherman's first gig. "We hired a warehouse, and

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"In order to write music that makes people want to have a good time, you have to be having a good time yourself, to experiment with different moods," Yank grins. "We thought we'd trying recording naked, or in drag, on the floor. When we finished a track, we would set the speakers up outside, turn the volume up loud and roll around naked, screaming. Well, they all did that," he adds. "I thought it

dead planets colliding while

drunk.

was a bit cold." "They had the police out looking for him," Martin counters, gesturing at Yank. "When we recorded in Cornwall, Yank went wandering off to find a chip shop. Five hours later we realised he still hadn't come back, so we called out the police, had a helicopters and sniffer-dogs situation going on until dawn, whereupon Yank turned up with a head wound

and no memory." "I'm being more sensible at the moment," Yank says, pointing to his mineral water.

🥆 o, with all these rock shenanigans going on, aren't Pusherman's parents horrified by their lifestyle? "Oh no." Martin says. "My dad's an actor — he's been in The Bill and, um - I dunno what else. He keeps really quiet, we never know what he does. You'll be sitting there watching Casualty and suddenly go, 'Wow, that mangled, bleeding leg — it's my dad's!

"He thinks the band's great. He rang up yesterday and said: 'I went to HMV in Hampstead, and they don't have a copy of the single, but then I went to Rhythm Records and asked for it and they instantly said 'CD or vinyl?" He's saved us a fortune in market research." • The single, Chase It, is out now

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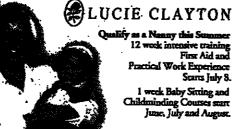
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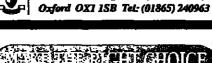
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EDUCATION

How to make schools safe From dyslexia

Susan Elkin offers solutions to the

growing problem of dangerous

intruders

chool security will be back in the news next week, as head teachers vent their anxieties about the state of their premises and their vulnerability in

the face of aggressive and abusive

The tragic deaths of Philip Lawrence, the head teacher who died protecting a pupil, and of Nicky Conroy, the schoolgirl shot dead while quietly at work in a school classroom, should have focused attention on the problem of how to keep undesirables away from schools. Unfortunately they did not — or not

Before last week's government report on the subject could be the school security timebomb, which has ticked menaeingly for years, finally blew up. The deranged Thomas Hamilton ran amok and killed 16 infants and a teacher at Dunblane in March.

Less dramatic - but nonetheless serious - breaches of school security go on all the time. About four years ago, I had to drive an injured 60-yearold male colleague to hospital. Three young thugs had arrived, trespassing on our girls school premises via the open side-door. Ron, a smallish, white-haired man, challenged the intruders. Their vicious attack left him on the ground, his face so badly bruised and bleeding that we feared for his left eye.

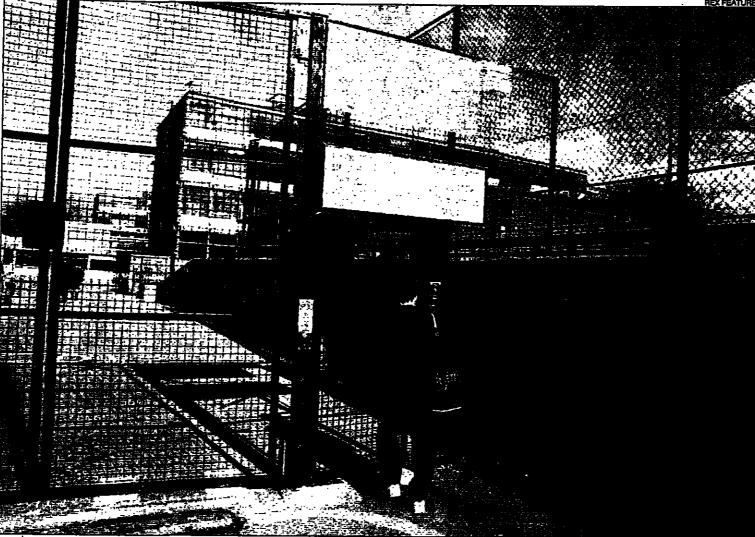
My office was near the ever-

problematic side-door, in an out-ofthe-way corner. On several occasions, outside visitors arrived unexpectedly at my door. Usually they were affable, having made a genuine error. On one or two occasions they were alarmingly aggressive. In the end, I never sat working in there with the door unlocked. If I was doubtful, I rang for reinforcements before I opened up.

I learnt a salutary lesson when I needed special protection one lunchtime when an aggrieved mother marched in to "sort me out". My crime? I had reprimanded her less-than-angelic daughter for

misbehaviour. Several schools in my area have suffered devastating arson attacks. Millions have had to be spent on refurbishment or rebuilding, simply because arsonists could walk on to school premises at will.

Then there is theft. It is quite common for thieves to wander into school in search of easy pickings



Is this the future for all schools? A high fence keeps out intruders at the Geoffrey Chaucer School in east London

during the working day. I taught in one school where people and property had to be protected by a security guard with an alsatian during parents' evenings.

It is getting worse, for two reasons. First, criminal behaviour seems to be increasing at an alarming rate. Too many people have too little to do, and

amorality is becoming the norm. Secondly, many school buildings are in a parlous state. Fences are nonexistent or damaged, flimsy doors need repairing, many sites are ill-lit and not enough use is made of alarms. Most of this comes down to money and priorities.

There are at least four things. already done by some and addressed in last week's report, which all schools should now be required, and assisted financially, to do.

No school building should have more than one main door. Other doors should be alarmed emergency fire exits, opening only from the inside. The main door should have an entryphone system. Once school is in session, no one should be able to get onto the premises uninvited.

There should be a vehicle barrier at the main gate or entrance to the grounds and an intercom connection to the main office. This would prevent unwanted or unknown vehicles from

being driven onto the site. Every visitor should be issued with an electronic tag so that the school office can track precisely who is on

All school sites should be properly

fenced. Open green sites which

double as unofficial public parks for the local community at weekends and after school hours are simply not safe. I know one formerly "open" school which was comprehensively fenced just before Christmas, Staff and pupils unanimously report that they feel much safer now.

And lastly, public footpaths. The last three schools I have taught at have all been traversed by public rights of way. Since you cannot always distinguish the harmful from the harmless, it should be a condition of planning permission that foot-paths are diverted off site when new schools are proposed. Schools and local education authorities should, moreover, be applying, as a matter of which cross school sites.

Some local authorities are reputed to "require" a specific accident tally at a danger spot on the road before they will sanction the construction of a zebra crossing. Are we seeing the same careless-of-life attitude to the safety of children and adults in

to public school scholar

Bruce Kemble visits the country

prep trying a new approach

ruem Abbey prep school, in a Georgian school, in a Georgian house nearly lost in the depths of the Cotswolds, is about to become the the country's first prepentirely devoted to converting dyslexic pupils into successful candidates for top public schools.

For seven years, it has been a conventional institution with a reputation for doing well by its children with special learning difficulties. Already, Leo Geddes, a dyslexic pupil from the Shipton-under-Wychwood school, has won a place at Eton. Leo was a judge's son who the staff say was brilliant and will one day be a QC. But he lacked confidence.

Now Sterling Stover, the prep's American-born Principal, has decided to admit only those suffering from dyslexia. He says: Socially, we were marvellous; but academically there were problems. We handled the dyslexics in the conventional way. They would be taken out of lessons for help in a small group. This worked when it was for only two or three lessons a week - but if they needed more when they came back into mainstream classes, they had to catch up.

Their schoolmasters, being schoolmasters, would want to make sure they'd catch up, so they'd set the same material again. The boys who had not missed these lessons would have to go through them again and began to feel resentful. It became counter-productive."

Numbers went down. Mr Stover recruited Paddy Heazell, a leading prep-school headmaster, and discussed what to do.

Mr Stover, a lawyer, says: "We have superb prep schools on each side of us — Summer Fields, the Dragon, Cothill with magnificent facilities.

country and are only 35 minutes' drive away. There is not the demand for a small country prep any more. We needed to do something educationally different. We are not in competition with these schools. We couldn't offer on a smaller scale what the Dragon did. The answer became fairly obvious. We should concentrate on what we did well: concentrating on children who are not thriving in a conven-

tional environment. Mr Stover, who has born in Texas 45 years ago and has lived in England for 20 years, bought Bruern Abbey because he fell "in love with the south front on a summer's day".

e added: "There are about half a dozen independent schools that concentrate on dyslexic children, but they do not prepare them for the Common Entrance exam — the only passport to public schools. We felt there was a need for a school that would change its teaching methods, without altering the Common Entrance

And though the buildings may be nearly three centuries old, he is striding out at the head of the technological revo-

"The laptop or the computer may well be the great equal-iser for dyslexic children," he says. "Each of our pupils will have one."

Teachers often say: "If you can spell, you're not dyslexic."
Mr Stover says: "The pupils who can word-process all their essays in the Common Entrance will have a great advantage. Imagine the effect on the markers if they see something beautifully typewritten and without a spelling mistake."



Bruern Abbey prep school: an unusual approach

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EUTTING DOWN THE RISK: AN EXPERT YIEW

tant based in Surrey, tells schools trying to improve security: "Find out what the risks are likely to be — then get independent objective advice and get an integrated solution."

Schools are top of the list of commercial buildings likely to be damaged by arson, he says. "Good boundary security is vital. It's got to define the school as private property.

secure lockable doors and windows and lighting which shows up the peripheral areas but not the building.

"You might consider the judicious use of closed-circuit television as a deterrent - although its main use is as an investigative tool. Electronic tags or an access control system are fine but must be carefully managed.

image. As schools, like industry, move into the high-tech world they must beware of computer theft. Chip theft has reached epidemic propor-

"Good asset-tagging systems to monitor equipment are coming on the market now and we have high hones of them'

Stephen Logan on the reality behind the university ratings. Are students losing out?

ersity Guide made full use of the official assessments of teaching and research which have assumed such importance in higher education. By measuring teaching and research in crude quantitative terms, the Government claims to be indicating the relative merits

of university departments. However, to judge from my conversations with non-academics, the public has little idea of what is really going on. Bad measurements that look precise are the most misleading. The present sys-tem of academic accountancy, as described in last week's Education pages, is calculated to mislead government officials, parents, teachers, students, journalists and aca-

demics themselves. In the 1980s the Government decided that universities should be assessed by their power to produce marketable goods. The nearest thing to that in most subjects

Teaching comes a poor second and tends to

universities have been assessed by the quantity of their published research. Academics accordingly use the term "research" for any academic publication.

Since 1995, the Government has displayed the sophistication of its interest in university teaching by assessing that too. The system has survived not because it is an accurate measure of a department's educational quality. but because most academics who do well under it collude

Measuring a department's quality by its research output inevitably discriminates against students. Academics were formally expected to fit their private studies around their teaching. Now they are penalised if they do not concentrate on their

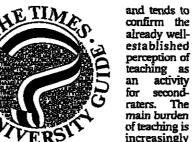
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assessment exercise. most academics

would have agreed that discussing their subject stuuseful way of testing, refin-

(and disseminating) knowledge. Teaching, short, was mutually beneficial. But canny lecturers now know that their bread is buttered chiefly on one side -and students are getting increasingly short measure.

University teaching has become a second-class activity. People who achieve good research ratings are rewarded by exemption from teaching. This reduces the number of good teachers available,



main burden of teaching is increasingly borne either by people not especially wellqualified to do it, or by people whose expertise is poorly

second-

repaid with either praise or Institutions that pride themselves on their research are frequently quite shameless about this, advertising jobs for "teaching assistants" at £5,000 a year, or relying on freelancers and postgradu-

ates to bump up their staff-

student ratios. Nonetheless, a

department can still get an

"excellent" for teaching when one-to-one supervision of stualready welldents is a rarity and classes of 20 undergraduates and upwards are common. The crudeness of the meth-

od for assessing teaching makes the research assess ment exercise look subtle. How many of the schoolteachers who are impressed to see a university department rated "excellent" realise a) that the only alternatives are "satisfactory" and "unsatisfactory" and b) that these ratings are not awarded by assessors, but are applied for

by university departments, then checked by assessors? Good researchers are rewarded individually. Good teachers are not. My best teachers — and I consider myself fortunate in having had several - did not publish much. Under the actuarial system of today, the quality of their work would not have been recognised. On the other hand, most

academic books and articles are not worth the writing. Most of what wins a university a "5" in the research ratings is neither useful nor enjoyable. The energy that goes into them would, for the most part, be better spent on teaching. This would be good for students, good for the morale of gifted teachers, and would clear the ground so that really valuable published work would be easily recog-nised by more than a small army of anxiety-ridden dons.

There is no justification for the fact that exceptional teachers are undervalued while mediocre "researchers" are overpraised. No justification besides the fact that it is easier to count pages than to understand the subtle means by which the best kinds of learning are nourished.

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The high price of peace in Bosnia Help is needed to restore higher education in

Tor much of the past four years, Bosnian academ-ics have had to negotiate sniper's alleys on the way to deliver lectures in the unheated, bomb-damaged halls of Sarajevo and Tuzla

As the civil war raged, many lecturers carried on teaching working without pay in appalling conditions to enable hundreds of equally determined undergraduates to complete their degrees.

Now, as the two universities begin the process of reconstruction, a London-based appeal set up to aid their survival is marking its first birthday with a renewed call for help.

Academic Lifeline for Bosnia was established under the auspices of the World University Service (an Austrian organisation which helps univer-sities in crisis). With the Association of University Teachers publicising the appeal nationwide, cash and

Sarajevo and Tuzla, Daniel Rosenthal reports

thousands of pounds worth of books and stationery came in from as far afield from Bosnia as Huddersfield and Southampton. The latest aid ship-

ment left last month. From a 1992 peak of 21,500 full-time and 10,000 part-time students, Sarajevo University now has perhaps 8,000 in total. Of 1,500 academic staff, 14 were killed and fewer than 500 remain. More than 30 per cent of the university's premises were destroyed. The situation in Tuzla is not much

British universities cannot afford to offer major financial assistance. But, according to the founders of Academic Lifeline - Dr Celia Hawkesworth, of the School of Slavonic and East European Studies, in London, and Dr Zoran Pajic.

formerly Professor of International Public Law at Sarajevo - they can contribute by revitalising Bosnia's war-wea-

Dr Pajic says: "If Sarajevo and Tuzla academics could spend a few weeks at a British university they would re-establish contact with the higher education community and regain their self-confidence.".

'As well as facing terrible physical hardships, they have been isolated from new books and journals for four years. Just being able to work in a well-stocked library would recharge their research and teaching batteries."

Last November, Academic Lifeline organised a consciousness-raising tour of 11 UK universities by Professor Nedzad Mulabegovic, Rector The Brain Drain" fund, which

Enver Mandzic, Pro-Rector of Tuzia. As a result, Derby and Keele universities and Wye College, London, are hoping to arrange short visits by Bosnian staff. But Dr Pajic, now at King's College London, knows that many more offers of help

of Sarajevo, and Professor

The opening of a new British Council office in Sarajevo in March provided a welcome boost. Susan one of my main priorities."

Barnes, the office's director, says: "Supporting higher edu-cation in Sarajevo and Tuzla is Academic Lifeline is also offering cash support to Sarajevo and Tuzla's lecturers, many of whom may be consid-

ering moving abroad. A "Stop

University of Kent's Centre of International Relations. "It might not sound a lot, but conditions are still so bad that it would make a huge difference in encouraging people to stay," she says. The fund stands at £3,200, leaving

aims to provide £40 a month

for individual staff members.

was set up late last year by Dr Hazel Smith, director of the

Dr Smith a long way off her target of £10,000 by June. Dr Pajic believes that higher education in Bosnia has a pivotal role to play - one that concerns more than the training of the next generation of doctors, lawyers and

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omitted from the rankings of individual subjects, which were published as part of the Good University Guide pub-lished on May 15. Manchester University

music table. The Institute of Earth Studies at the University of Wales, Aberystwyth, would have made the top 20 for geogra-

excellent" rating for geology teaching was published too late for inclusion in the tables. The department would have

Safety fears cast cloud over American showpiece

Big names' boycott drives Indy 500 to crisis point

place for a battleground. The swathe of scruffy countryside that hides the hulk of the Michigan International Speedway is a bystander not a participant, a land where giant trucks rumble between the Great Lakes. where red paint peels off dilapidated barns. The clue is in the names of the towns. Waterloo is nearby, so is Bunkerhill, Napoleon is three miles away ... and the army is

They began arriving here yesterday. All the biggest names in IndyCar racing pulled in off US12 and swept into the daunting oval track. the fastest speedway in the world. Al Unser Jr, Emerson Fittipaldi, Michael Andretti. Paul Tracy and Mark Blundell - they were all there. On Sunday, they will climb into their cars and begin the pro-cess of trying to destroy the most famous motor race in the

This year, they are boycotting the Indianapolis 500, tra-ditionally the highlight, almost the raison d'être, of the indyCar calendar, to race here in the inaugural US500. In the process, they have turned the Indy 500 into Wimbledon without Agassi, Sampras and Muster, an event without its leading players.

More than that, their absence has led to fears that the novices who have been rushed in as their replacements will be overwhelmed by the speeds reached on the 2.5-mile banked oval. The pessimists are preparing for a gory procession of crashes.

The struggle for the heart and soul of single-seater racing in America, personified in essentially a squabble between Tony George, the president of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, and IndyCar's most powerful team owners. At the end of last season, George established the breakaway Indy Racing League (IRL), using the presence of the Indianapolis



Oliver Holt reports from Brooklyn, Michigan, on the effects of a motor racing rival

selling point, hoping to coax away teams from the familiar Championship Auto Racing Teams (Cart) organisation that runs indyCar.

Few were seduced, so, at the start of the year. George resorted to the ultimate sanction and ruled that the first 25 places on the grid for the Indy 500 would be reserved for cars racing in the IRL. At that point, the big guns in the IndyCar series decided that enough was enough and announced plans for the US500 to be staged on the same weekend. Most thought that it was brinksmanship on both sides and that compromise would be reached, but no solution has been found.

George has used the IRL to trumpet the cause of young American racers who could not find a place in IndyCar, but Andrew Craig, the chief executive of Cart, who had to fight off an injunction trying to stop the organisation using the name IndyCars, claims that

"Seventeen years ago," he said, "team owners decided that the way IndyCars was being run by the US Auto Club, which was an extension of Indianapolis, could be improved upon. It was mediocre and badly regulated. It was going nowhere fast. They transformed it into what IndyCar has become today. Now the Speedway would like that back. They feel it was stolen from them. They would

like it back, but we are not

interested

particularly

S o, on Sunday, two hours before 98,000 spectators watch the cream of IndyCar racers begin their 200-lap spectacular here, the biggest crowd for any singleday event anywhere in the world, more than 350,000 people, will converge on Indianapolis to hear the famous command, "Gentlemen, start your engines", and settle down watch a field of largely unknown drivers compete for the most prestigious title in

along by chequered flags, took place on Wednesday, in Coldwater, Michigan. There have been other accidents, too. Billy Boat suffered a dislocated shoulder in a crash last week and Dan Drinan, a midget car driver, broke his left foot and hip and suffered concussion while he was trying to qualify in an outdated car. Brad Murphey, another rookie, who has not driven competitively for five years, caused another qualifying alarm when he absentmindedly drifted perilously close to a car driven by Billy Stewart travelling at Worst of all, perhaps, is the

motor racing. More than half the field, 17 out of the 33

starters, have never raced at

Indianapolis before and the

difference between the fastest

and slowest lap times is more

than twice that of previous

years, another statistic that is

causing alarm and trepidation.

The race, won last year by Jacques Villeneuve, who will

be a spectator at the rival

USS00 on Sunday, was dealt a

severe blow a week ago when

Scott Brayton, one of the only experienced drivers in the

event and the man who was on

pole position, was killed dur-

tyre burst and catapulted his

Lola Buick into the concrete

George's tribute was inter-

preted in some quarters as,

unwittingly or not, an adver-

tising speech. Scott Brayton died doing what he loved

best," George said. "Going fast at the Indianapolis Motor

Brayton's funeral, led by a

Speedway pace car and waved

wall at more than 230mph.

practice. His right rear

news that Brayton's place has been taken by Danny Ongais, from Hawaii, a 54-year-old who has not raced in an IndyCar for nine years. For those seeking any more bad omens, one is hidden in Tony George's past. Elmer, his father, crashed on the parade lap while he waved to the crowd before his first India-



Gifford in control of the high-spirited O'Leary in their dressage test yesterday

History defied by Johnston

By JENNY MACARTHUR

AVRIL JOHNSTON, on the aptly-named Independent Archie, held a slender 0.8pt lead over Pippa Funnell, the de-fending champion, on Rain-bow Magic, at the end of a windy, rain-swept first day of dressage at the Windsor Inter-national Horse Trials yes-

terday.

Daisy Dick, the daughter of Dave Dick, the 1956 Grand National winner, was in third place on For The Crack much to her surprise. "He must look a lot better then he feels," she said. Other good tests came from Jemima Johnson, on Canadian Gold, her stylish ex-racehorse, and Emma Douglas-Miller, on Red Baron III, who were in

joint fourth place. Johnston's flowing test on Independent Archie belied the

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turbulent history of the nineyear-old gelding. "He was going to get the bullet as a young horse because no one could break him in," she said. Impressed by the way that he regularly escaped from his field over a brick wall. Johnston persuaded Caroline Dunnen to buy him. He is still difficult and allows only John-

Funnell, who might have retained her lead had Rainbow Magic not broken in the extended trot, was nevertheless delighted with his performance. One of four talented seven-year-olds in her Surrey yard, Rainbow Magic was bought two years ago from Peter Charles, the European showjumping champion.

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ston and Dumnett into his

ing from Mark Phillips has also boosted her morale. She plans to take all the quick routes on the course tomorrow. Dick was keeping her plans flexible. For The Crack spent two years as a hunting hireling in Ireland and, as a result, is almost too careful in the country.

With several international riders close behind them -including Matt Ryan, the Olympic champion from Australia, on Kibah Sandstone, and Kristina Gifford, an Olympic shortlisted rider for Great Britain, on O'Leary the leaders cannot afford mistakes tomorrow. Gifford, who was up at 6.30am to make sure that the high-spirited O'Leary was well worked in for his dressage, is likely to move up from eighth tomorrow.

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Wigan's imports tackle Bath at their own game

By Christopher Irvine

VA'AIGA TUIGAMALA. dubbed "Inga the winger" in his erstwhile New Zealand rugby umon days, will become Inga the flanker at Twickenham tomorrow. The former All Black is part of an allinternational union back row for Wigan, alongside Scott Quinnell, once of Wales, and Shem Tatupu, of Western Samoa, in the return crosscode match against Bath. under union rules.

Wigan can call upon some formidable union experience, but that does not detract from the struggle expected, especially in the set pieces. They toyed with the idea of putting Tuigamala in the front row. Rather than ballast, however. his penetrating strength was seen as better for making quick inroads and tackling around the fringes.

Farrell and Haughton, for no reason other than height, are the lineout jumpers chosen to oppose Redman and Haag. The front row is Wigan's usual one of O'Connor, Hall and Cowie — whose knowledge of union comprises a handful of

training sessions.

Wigan must rely on Bath
mistakes, rather than on their ball-winning capacity, to launch a running game, and will have to do so without Shaun Edwards, their captain and scrum half. He has bruised ribs and Craig Murdock steps in at half back alongside Joe Lydon, pressganged out of retirement after 18 months, mainly for his tactical kicking. Where Wigan have the potential beating of Bath is a threequarter line of Offiah.

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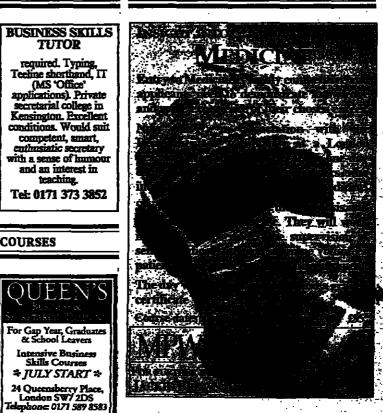
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Hartington stokes fires of reform

By Richard Evans, racing correspondent

chapters in British racing this century draws to a close next month. Peregrine Andrew Morny Cavendish Hartington — known to one and all as "Stoker" — steps down from the helm of a sport which has been transformed by his leadership over the past seven

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For once, the superlatives are not misplaced. The name of Hartington will rank alongside those of Rous and Bentinck as one of the great reformers of the Turf. In some ways his achievements dwarf those of his 19th Century predecessors: while they enjoyed absolute power, he has had to rely on reasoned argument, trust and bundles of natural charm.

Shortly after becoming senior steward of the Jockey Club in 1989, he realised that the self-elected oligarchy which had run the sport for more than two centuries would no longer suffice in a world where democracy, accountability and fair representation mattered. Perhans it was just coincidence that another leader, faced with an equally ancient regime, was thinking along similar lines. His name was Mikhail Gorbachev. Both men, products of the old order, set about bring-

ing in the new. Hartington was helped by a Commons select committee inquiry which examined the management of racing and found it wanting. Armed with their conclusions, he persuaded the Jockey Club and those outside that the creation of a new representative body to run racing was crucial to the

ONE of the most remarkable Horseracing Board (BHB) was born during the summer of 1903 and, after serving as its first chairman for three years, he will step down on June 6.

What was a bit daunting at

the beginning was to see whether this completely new thing was going to work and, of course, it is much too early to say. From the internal point of view, so far so good, it has worked well. The relationship with the Jockey Club is good and all the changeovers, like the handicappers moving to the BHB, have gone smoothly.

"The outside will take a lot longer because it is still unproven. The perception of success depends on whether the industry thinks the BHB is working. If the industry accepts decisions which go against a particular bit of it such as racecourses or owners - then it is working. And that, so far. has more or less worked.

"It will probably get more difficult, certainly if the betting trends go downwards. That would lead to real pressure. Money papers over a lot of cracks and, if there is less money, the cracks get wider a bit quicker.

The BHB's main achievement is that between us we have managed to be heard in Westminster. That was probably the biggest challenge. Whilst we don't always get everything we want, we have had three lots of tax changes. incuding VAT, Sunday racing and significant deregulation." Perhaps the hardest task

facing his successor. Lord Wakeham, is preventing racing from indulging in another bout of blood-letting as pressport's future. The British sure grows for increased prize-



Lord Hartington enjoys a day at Goodwood as he nears the end of his chairmanship of the British Horseracing Board

money, gaining control of the Tote and the spending functions of the Levy Board. The threat of internal feuding is never far away.

Hartington knows the dangers, but he stresses the posi-tive. The latest bee in my bonnet is lack of communication. I think the real mistake the Jockey Club made was that it didn't tell anybody what it was doing and, therefore, people assumed it was not doing anything. Of course, it was, but without telling anyone, people were not aware of it. And that is a still a problem for the BHB and the Jockey Club. If we fail

to bring the industry with us it will be a failure of communi-As an owner and breeder -

he has more than 20 horses in training with Luca Cumani, John Gosden, David Morley, Henrietta Knight and owns Side Hill Stud — he is acutely aware of how British prizemoney still lags well behind countries such as France. "The BHB will have to continue to explain and to perform. It is not just good enough saying we are doing our best. We have to show pople what we are doing.

"Similarly, if we don't un-

bookmakers are, we will make mistakes. Even if we don't agree with them, we have to understand their difficulties and lately I think all on the BHB absolutely accept the offcourse bookmakers have been having a very difficult time.

"Sometimes in the racing industry there is a perception that all bookmakers are multimillionaires. That may have been the case 15 years ago, but it certainly isn't the case now. There is no point anybody thinking they have got loads of money which they can give away to us, because that is not

In the space of seven years,

Hartington's ability to lead and inspire has saved racing from itself and given the sport a chance to flourish as the new century beckons. Whether the BHB will be able to take advantage without the man whose vision brought it all about remains to be seen, but he has some advice for his

colleagues on the board. "Keep listening, because that is what we all have to do. Talking is fine, but you have to listen as well. It is very important racing should go on being fun - because it is nothing otherwise."

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7 4240 TDIBRT 11 (F.) N Tension-Leves 6-10-1 C. Lievestlyn
8 PF23 FUNCHEON GALE 34 R Carbs 9-10-1 D. Monts
9 PTP PRECIS 16 (S.) O Carbo 8-10-0 R. Davis
10 D-LUA FIRM, 18 Mrs. D Hante 7-10-0 B. Fertion (3)
11 22PP HIZML 8 (F.) H Manner, 7-10-0 A. Dowling (7).
11 22PP HIZML 8 (F.) H Manner, 7-10-0 Mr. J Culloty (3)
1-4 Manner Rhyme, 3-1 Charged, 7-2 Drumpalfon, 5-1 Functions Gale. 3-1 And

11-4 Manor Physics, 3-1 Charged, 7-2 Dispression, 5-1 Function Gale 3-1 And Why Not, 12-1 Lo-Flying Massie, 14-1 Tende, 16-1 others

8.20 WAYSIDE HUNTERS CHASE SKY

C Bonner (3)

8 4236 KNOCKURASHIN 11 (D.F.G.S.) S Smith 13-12-7 J Culloty (3)

9 2UP4 PAT ALASKA 8 (F.S.) Mess C Wates 13-12-7 Misss C Wates (3)

10 1412 TOUCH OF WINTER 1BP (F.G.) J Ponter 10-12-7 L TLacey (7)

11 P/PG BABIL 7 (F.G.S.) Mrs C Hebs 11-12-3 B Briton-Saunt (7)

12 FP/4 EPILENY 27P (F) Mess P Windle 12-12-3 B Barton-Saunt (7)

13 4054 CRY/S FW 5P (B.F.G.) Mass T Hangood 12-12-3 R Lawster (7)

2-1 Hermes Harves, 11-2 Touch Of Winter, 6-1 Beau Dandy 7-1 Clare Man. 8-1 knockurschin, 9-1 Furty Xinove, 10-1 Dabrt, 12-1 others

8.50 GOWLING CARPETS HANDICAP SKY HURDLE (£2,952; 2m) (9)

(Amaleurs: £1,732: 3m 1f) (13)

1 5114 CHARGED 205 (BF.F.G) P Hobbs 7-11-11

6.45 Break The Rules. 7.10 Meradata. 7.35 Alpine Time. 8.05 DANCING IMAGE (nap). 8.35 Hotspur Street. 9.05 Mutadarra.

PONTEFRACT

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 6F, LOW BEST SIS

6.45 FRIENDS OF THE NORTHERN RACING COLLEGE CLAIMING STAKES (£3,126: 1m 4yd) (9 runners)

Options Open, 11-4 Resent, 7-2 Stone Cross, 5-1 Break The Rules, 7-1

7.10 TOTE HANDICAP

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go the first to

F. Ersey 8

(£3,316: 1m 2t 6yd) (14)

7.35 NORTHERN RACING COLLEGE CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-0: £4,994: 61) (7)

3-7 Alpine Time. 9-2 lectrid-Da, Rude Anakening. 5-7 Marathon Mad. 6-1 Foot Battation, Ech To Roy, 8-1 Recondite SKY 8.05 WILLIAM HILL HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £4,557: 1m 4yd) (9)

3-1 Sames, 7-2 Victory Bound, 4-1 Societier Charter, 9-2 Dancing Image, 6-1 Philister, 10-1 Absolute Utopia, 12-1 Gool Lee Stay, 14-1 others

8.35 MICK MCCOY MEMORIAL HANDICAP (£3,425: 1m 4f 8yd) (16)

4-1 Strategic Ploy, 9-2 Loid Hastie, 5-1 Admirats Secret, 6-1 Backnew 7-1 Retine 8-1 Sola Up. 10-1 Cartion Express, 14-1 others

9.05 RACING AND THOROUGHBRED BREEDING TRAINING BOARD MAIDEN STAKES (£3,729: 61) (13)

B Fention (3)

8 -052 MR GENEAOLOGY 13 (D.F.G.S.) T McGovern 6-10-0 A P McCoy

9 0002 BARNIEY'S GIFT 13 (D.F.S.) O Brenzus 8-10-0 M Brenzus

3-1 Mahrus, 5-1 Applica, Handhorne Glan, 6-1 Mr Genazology, 13-2 Bures, 7-1 No

Ught Barney's Gilt, 8-1 other: COURSE SPECIALISTS

101 | 201 102 202 15 4% L Detton, 19 from 130, 14 5% PONTEFRACT Trainers, M Stoute, 10 winners from 32 runners, 31 3% G Lowis, 3 from 12, 25 0%; J Dunlop, B from 37, 31 6%, Mrs J Ramoden, 27 from 137, 19 7%; Mrs M Revotey, 21 from 119, 17 6%;

HAYDOCK PARK: Trainers: H Cect. 19
winners from 54 numers: 35.2%, P
through Hyam. 7 inom 25, 28.0%, J
Dunlop, 24 from 97, 24.7%; H Candy, 3
liom 13, 23.1%, G Wragg, 3 from 17.
17.6%; P Cole, 9 from 57, 15.9%, J Jockeys: Pai Eddery, 17 winners from 56 ndes
30.4%, M Hills, 16 from 76, 21.1%, W
Casson 11 from 61, 18.0% Paul Eddery
12 from 69, 17.4%, R Cochrane, 4 from 25
15.4%, L Detton, 19 from 130, 14.6%
PONTEFRACT Trainers: M Storile 10 Cochrane, 8 from 72, 11 1%

TOWCESTER: Trainers: Miss. C. Saunders. 14 winners from 22 numers. 83 6%; D. Nacholson, 20 from 60, 33 3%, Mrs. I. McNe. 15 from 59, 25 4%; D. Brennan. 26 from 120, 21 7%; I. Thomson Jones, 8 from 30, 20 0%; Jockeys: Mr. J. Culfoly, 3 winners from 8 ndes, 37 5%; R. Johnson, 4 from 21, 19%; P. Heite, 6 from 40, 15%, I, Harvey, 15 from 108, 13 9%; A.P. McCoy, 4 from 29, 13 8%.

NOTTINGHAM THUNDERER 2.20 Cornedy River. 2.50 Cretan Gift, 3,20 Seva. 3.50 Desert Spring. 4.20 Macmorris. 4.50 Broughton's

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.20 SCOTTISH PARK. Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3,20 Seva. 4.20 ELA-YIE-MOU (nap).

GOING GOOD TO FIRM Draw. 6f, high numbers best

1. ROS5. THE WIDSET MAN 83 (F.G.S.) J Gitlord 10-12-0. P. Hide.
2. 31-P. GR.STON LASS 18 (D.F.61 J. King 9-11-9. J. R. Karvanagh.
3. PIP2. HILLWALA. 18 (C.F.G.S.) R. Curle. 10-11-8. D. Moores.
4. PAGE. POLAR RESION 11 (F.G.S.) N. Henderson 10-11-4. Mr. C. Vigors (S).
5. 5455. WIRMEL LORRAINE 17 (D.F.G.S.) R. Almer. 11-11-3. C. Licwellyn.
6. +TPP. ASBOTISHAM 21 (F.G.S.) O. Carter. 11-11-2. A. Thorottom.
7. 5422. RATHER DOWLING. 13 (V.B.F.G.) B. Balmg. 9-10-G. A. P. McCloy.
8. 5542. WOODLANDS GERMARE 8 (V.C.D.) P. Prichard 11-19-C. R. Dans. 2.20 ARNOLD SELLING HANDICAP (£2,070: 1m 1f 213yd) (23 runners)

3 .191 1-00 SHE SALI NO SV (IJ.S) Lood Hammington 4-3-10
Aimed Cook (7) 86

2 ... - 0.00 (LIEENS STROLLER 55 (G) T Wall 5-3-8 R. Lappin 82
5 ... - 0.00 (LIEENS STROLLER 55 (G) T Wall 5-3-8 R. Lappin 82
6 ... - 5-50 SHTHFE BROGE 37 (D.F.G) M MacCornack 4-9-7 R Hughts 90
6 ... - 0.00 PRIM LASS 7 (Lies 1) Boode 6-9-4 M Henry (5) 85
7 ... - 10 -0.00 PRIM LASS 7 (Lies 1) Boode 6-9-4 M Henry (5) 85
7 ... - 117, 6331 AMESIME POWER 56 (DIS 1) Hults 10-3-4 A Clork 9
8 ... - 1230 AMESIME POWER 56 (DIS 1) Hults 10-3-4 A Clork 9
8 ... - 10 -0.00 PDIAMONO ROWNN 22 (D.F.G.S.) J Wasmingtot 4-3-2 Tourn 85
10 ... - 100 PDIAMONO ROWNN 22 (D.F.G.S.) J Wasmingtot 4-3-2 Tourn 85
11 (Li 0.00 BOOMAN MAD SOME PRIMOE 18 (M) P Seam 4-9-0 Tourn 87
12 ... - 100 MAZILA 11 (Li) A Specier 4-9 M R Havitin (5)
13 ... - 100 MAZILA 11 (Li) A Specier 4-9 M R Havitin (7)
15 ... - 110 0600 MAZILA 11 (Li) K Margan 4-1 T C Scutcher (7)
16 ... - 110 0600 SPECH SMAPS PRIDE 38 P Condeil 4-8-11 J Quinn 88
17 ... - 110 07 SPEC AND SUBAR 377 (FS B Cambring 6-8-11 A Protor - 19
17 ... - 3043 SCOTTISH PARK 5 (B.D.F.G.S.) J L Harrs 7-8-11
19 ... - 114 2600 ND SUBARSSION 6 (D.G.S.) D Coppens 10-8-10 DESIMAR 37 (D.S.S.)

S D Williams 89
20 (G) 05-0 BATTERY BOY 25 (B) W Elzey 4-9-8 D Hardston 87
21 (16) 0600 HERZA STORY 27 (D.F) N Letmotter 4-8-8 T G McLampfilm 88
21 (1) 000 RREPRESSBLE 227 R Hodges 5-8-7 Amanda Sanders (5)
22 (23) 0-00 BEGGERTS OPERA 17 Par Michael 4-9 . . . 6 Bardwell — 6-1 Autosome Power 10-1 Scottish Park, Comeny River 12-1 Bobaniyn, 14-1 Scotting Bridge 16-1 Marchman, 20-1 others

7.20 JULIAN BELFRAGE MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE (£3.504: 2m 110yd) (6) 2.50 RADCLIFFE LIMITED STAKES (£2,381: 6f 15yd) (18) A P McCoy
4 B042 DR ROCKET 8 (CD.F.G.S) R Ducton 11-10-5
5 2231 MORKS JAY 18 (CD.F.G) G Tromer 7-10-4
1 Lawrence
6 -P31 TRUSS 11 (CD.F.G) J Upson 9-10-0 (7e) R Supple
3-1 Armata 4-1 I Have Hom, Monto Jay, 9-2 Sartoras, 5-1 Dr Rocket, Truss

(\$2,381: 61 15yrl) (18)

1 (6) 0162 CRETAN GET 18 (B.D.6) N Latinodes 5-9-7 T G McLamphin 90

2 (8) 336 HARMANT SISHER 18 (D.F.G) C Marray 4-9-7 G Faulters (7) 83

3 (17) 0202 BARRATO 14 (V.D.BEF.E) Mc.; J Ramodes 5-9-4 K Failon 93

4 (10) 320- HOCKORY BILLE 200 (B.F) + Morgan 6-9-4 C Scauder (7) 87

5 (3) 000- MAPILLS NOE AR 225 (V.G) E Meynes 4-9-4 T Thes 93

6 (5) -200 MAPILLS NOE AR 225 (V.G) E Meynes 4-9-4 J Outlin 88

7 (2) 3400 PETRACO 4 (D.F.G.S) N Sorah 8-9-4 S D Williams 87

8 (10) 0560 SAMSSULOM 6 (D.F.G.) P Howling 8-9-4 B Thomson 89

8 (10) 0560 SAMSSULOM 6 (D.F.G.) P Howling 8-9-4 B Thomson 89

114 (60-4) SING UP 22 M McCommack 4-9-4 R Hughen 7-10

10) 10) 5004 WRUD PAIM 7 (B.C.S) W 0 Commack 4-9-4 R Hughen 7-10

11 (15) 0030 MERRIE LE BOW 15 PAI Michael 4-9-1 Amenick Sauders (5) 74

12 (11) 1-61 KINCS MARMANY X (0.F.G) P Malam 3-8-12 T Quirin 87

13 (1) 0-65 REFR 11 R Ingram 3-8-9 T Sprake 77

15 (12) 0-65 DARMS WENTWE 31 T Magglann 3-8-6 T Ashthay (7) 80

16 (7) -605 PRINCESS ERSIO 15 8 McMalahon 3-8-6 D Markson 94

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17 (13) 68-4 FRANMAY LASS 24 Lord Hurtangdes 3-8-6 D Markson 94

18 (7) -605 PRINCESS ERSIO 15 8 McMalahon 3-8-6 D Markson 94

19 (2) FARRAY LESS 5-1 Baralo 7-1 Cretan Gr. 8-1 Will Paim, 10-1 Mings Harmony. 9-2 Fastway Lass 5-1 Barato 7-1 Cretan Grit, 8-1 Wild Palm, 10-1 Kings Harmony, 12-1 Riffi, Samzolom, 14-1 others. COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: N Cabbage. 3 winners from 4 numers. 75 0%, M Wane. 3 horn 12, 25 0%, I Balding. 5 from 21, 23.8%, P Cole. 13 from 62, 21 0%, J Duniop. 19 from 99. 19.2%, D Loder, 3 horn 17, 17.6% JOCKEY, Towney, 15 winners from 93 rides, 16 1%, T Spraine, 8 irom 52, 15 4% R Hills, 11 kom 73, 15 1%, D Harrison, 9 irom 69, 13 0%, K Fallon, 9 from 84, 10 7%. Only qualifiers

2.10 Clara Bliss. 2.40 Soviet Bride. 3.10 Smilin N

THUNDERER

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

BRIGHTON

HANDICAP (£3,098: 7f 214yd) (12)

Wishin. 3.40 College Night. 4.10 Apollo Red. 4.40 Mystique Smile. Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.40 Gentle Irony. DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST 2.10 VICTORIA GARDENS SELLING STAKES (2-Y-0 £2,070 5(213yd) (6 runners)

2.40 GRAND PARADE LIMITED STAKES (£3,016: 1m 3t 196yd) (6)

3,U10. IIII 31 130,50, 10, 1 4051 PRINCE DANZIG 15 (CD.F.G) D. Murray Smith 5-9-12 Dane O'Nell (3) 5 2 130/ MADJATI DDJ (B.D.S) D Gandolfo 7-9-8 J Rend 6 3 14-0 RISBIG DOUGH 38 (C.F.) S L Moore 4-9-8 J Rend 6 4 0-23 SOMET BRIDE 8 (C.F.S) S Dow 4-9-5 J A Day (S) 4 5 1 SEATTLE SAGA 106 (D.SI) D Loder 3-8-7 D R McCabe (3) 1 6 36-3 ARCADY 24 P Walsyn 3-8-2 R. R. Price 2 3-1 Arcady 7-2 Prince Darray, 4-1 Madjath, 9-2 Rissing Dough, Sowist Birde 6-1 Seattle Saga

3.10 OLD STEINE MAIDEN STAKES (£3,596: 1m 3t 196yd) (6)

1 033 CHOCOLATE SEE 7 C Cyper 3-8-10 ... OR McClathe (3) 5
2 04 DESERT DUNES 19 N Braham 3-8-10 ... A McClathe 4
3 563 EWAR BOLD 15 C Britan 3-8-10 ... B Doyle 1
6 HAPPY TAPAN 276 C Morray 3-8-10 ... M Tebbus 1
5 00- BELMARITA 209 M Tomphora 3-8-5 ... 5 Windowsth 3
6 2-35 SMILIN N WISHIN 16 P Chapple-Hyam 3-8-5 ... J Rebt 6 2-1 Smain N Wishan, 3-7 (Rocolate Ice, 7-2 Ever Bold, 4-1 Deser Dures, 7-1 Happy Tapan, 33-7 Belmanta

3.20 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-0: £3,363: 6f 15yd) (6)

3.50 OPTION CLAIM LEGAL EXPENSE PROTECTION HANDICAP (£3,889: 1m 1f 213yd) (15)

PRUTECTION HANDICAP (£3,889: 1m 11 21390) (15)

1 (5) 50-6 DESERT SPRING 18 P Hans 4-10-0 M Henry (5) 90

2 (3) 125- VOILA PREMIERIE 266 (F) M Tompkine 4-9-12 P Robinson 69

3 (4) 30-3 GEORGE BULL 25 W Hem 4-9-8 T Symble 90

4 (10) -104 SCOTTISH BAMBI 14 (D.F.G) P Webber 8-9-7 R Penham 95

6 (10) -104 SCOTTISH BAMBI 14 (D.F.G) P Webber 8-9-7 R Penham 95

6 (15) -600 CONC HAL 21 (D.F.) J Pearce 5-9-0 G Bardwell 87

7 (9) 0560 CURT DIM DIG (G) J Martine 4-9-0 K Fablou 92

8 (12) 12-0 BELLATEENA 25 (CD.F) H Collingadge 4-8-11 J Quanto 90

9 (6) 63-3 MASTER M-E-N 17 (F) N Babloop 4-8-1 J Quanto 90

10 (2) 3042 ZAHRAN 4 (F,G) J Bandley 5-7-13 N Carleste 91

11 (13) 00-0 RESH LOOK 31 (G) R Syncer 4-7-12 M Kennedy 98

12 (1) -035 BHONZE MAQUETTE 14 (D.G) I Had 5-7-10 M Band (5)

13 (11) -0-06 GREY MONSDOM 14 M Batton 5-7-10 Date Gasson 99 13 (11) 0-06 GREY KINSDOM 14 M Buttan 5-7-10 Date Gibson 89 15 (14) 0060 PARONOMASIA 4 IB) J L Hams 4-7-10 R Mullen (7) 80 15 (7) 0-06 ABSOLUTELYSTURMENS 11 Mrs B Warng 3-7-10 N Variey (3) 96

9-2 George Bull, 5-1 Yorks Premiere, Scottish Bamba, 8-1 Master M-E-M, Zahran, 12-1 Bronze Maguetle, 14-1 others

4.20 GEDLING HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £3,623: 1m 6f 15vd) (8) (3-Y-U: £3,623: 7ff 01 13/0) (8)

1 (1) 0-21 \$100TMS UGHT 15 (5) M Jarve 9-7 P Bloomdekt 94

2 (4) 5-80 \$E.A.YIE-MOUI 17 (89) L Compan 9-1 R Hughes 96

3 (8) 0-10 MILHTAN 28 (6) J Danlop 9-1 R Hughes 93

4 (3) -052 MACMORRIS 22 P Cole 6-12 T Outron 93

5 (6) 3322 DANCHING CAVALER 46 (6) R Hollanchea 6-11 D Griffles (5)

6 (2) 0-00 DOCTOR GREEN 27 (7) Lord Huntengdon 6-10 D Harrison 91

7 (5) 000 HARBET HOUSE 20 C Cysts 8-0 G Duffseld 95

8 (7) 0031 MPLUENCE PEDLER 18 (D.P) C Britan 7-10 M Band (5) 94

5-2 Da-Yie-Mou. 7-2 Shooting Light. 4-1 Macmorns, 5-1 Cancing Cavaler, Influence Pedier 8-1 Doctor Green, 10-1 others 4.50 COLWICK APPRENTICES MAIDEN HANDICAP

10) Total University 10) 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 19 (8) 0-05 CLASSIC DASSY 30 R Spicer 3-7-11 J Booley (7) 91 15) -000 VOICES IN THE SKY 18 A Meacombe 5-7-11 J Fonds (5) -

BUNKERED FIRST TIME: Brighton: 3 40 Last Spir. 4 40 Music Mistress Haydock Park: 2 00 Joint Venture. 3 00 High Fremturn. Nothingham: 4 20 Coctor Green 4 50 El Don, Nad's Contessa, Operaing Range Pontefract: 7 10 Harbitooh. 7 35 Ext To Rio Towcester: 6.50 Born To Please. 8 20 Icky's Five

3.40 A R DENNIS BOOKMAKERS MAY FILLIES

| 10-0 SWEET PAN/DVA 13 (F) PC 206-416-0 ... DOUBTRIL 9
| 2 00-0 RUPANN 11 (F) C Murray 4-9-4 ... M Tobbuti 11
| 3 1132 MY GALLERY 16 (6.5) A Bailer 5-9-3 ... D Wright (3) 7
| 4 0066 GENTLE PROMY 4 (0.F.6.5) M Prime 4-9-13 ... B Dovie 12
| 5 30-0 MISS LAUGHTER 22 (20.F) J Hills 49-13 ... B Dovie 12
| 5 30-0 MISS LAUGHTER 22 (20.F) J Hills 49-13 ... B Dovie 13
| 7 0-26 AGAIN TOGETHER 22 (20.F) J Hills 49-13 ... B Drowne (3) 8
| 7 0-26 AGAIN TOGETHER 22 (5.1 Moone 3-8-70 ... S Writhwards (3) 1
| 9 50-0 LAST SPIN 29 (B) J Jentons 4-9-9 ... Dane O'Tibil (3) 1
| 9 50-0 LAST SPIN 29 (B) J Jentons 4-9-9 ... A Daly (5) 6
| 10 0000 TUTAL ROCH 15 (0.0.F) (B) Ruggard 4-9-9 D R McCable (3) 10
| 1 6132 PEOPLE DIRECT 15 (0.5) (K Miclaulis 3-8 ... J F Egan 3
| 12 5-52 EFFECACIOUS 31 C Berstang 37-12 ... A MicRone 5-1

4.10 DOME HANDICAP (£3,098: 5f 213yd) (9) 1 30-0 DANCING HEART 13 (R.F.6) Mechan 4-9-13. B Doyle 7
2 DITIO AGNIA 13 (D.F.6) R O'Subran 7-9-12. J Radio 9
3 5500 ALMAYS GRACE 18 (D.F.) Mess G kelleway 4-9-0 W J O'Condon
3 5500 ALMAYS GRACE 18 (D.F.) Mess G kelleway 4-9-0 W J O'Condon
5 3-01 WAX REW WAY 13 (B.D.6) J Spearing 3-8-13. S Drowne (3) 8
5 240 SHAMP SMP 18 (B.D.F.6) R Power 6-8-9 Deep CTMM (3) 8
7 2400 LORD SKY 4 (D.F.6.S) A Bailey 5-8-9 Deep CTMM (3) 8
1 1836 RAMPOM 62 (D.G.) C Armes 5-8-9 Deep CTMM (3) 8
9 50-0 JOLES PRESBIT 22 (B.G.) M Ryan 3-9-2 D R Miccabe (3) 4
Amello Bed 7.3 W Mine Wise 4-1 Armer 13 December 13 12 Steams 3-1 Applito Red. 7-2 Yax Men Way, 5-1 Agusa, 11-2 Dancing Heart, 13-2 Sharp Imp, 7-1 Random, 10-1 Julis Present, 12-1 olders

4.40 BRIGHTON CENTRE HANDICAP

1 0406 BLUE SLEEL HOOFS 4 (B) B Mechan 9-7 ... B Doyle 7
2 -344 SOLO SYMPHOMY 29 P Chapple-Hyern 9-7 ... J Reid 4
3 2131 LARY CARGUNE LAMB 38 (D.F.5) R Bestama 9-2 D Microwa 5
4 34-0 MCATRIAN 19 J Soeming 6-13 ... S Downe (3 3
5 -060 MICROSTIC COOKE 24 B Pearce 6-4 ... D R Microw (3 8
6 5240 DANCHG JACK 14 (D.S.) J Indigs 8-3 ... Darren Mothat (3 8
6 5240 DANCHG MSTRESS 6 (B.D.7) J Macro 8-1 ... J T Egan 1
5 00-0 MYSTROLE SMALE 41 (D.F.) S Wilkerns 7-13 ... J Tala 2 7-4 Lady Caroline Laznia, 5-2 Solo Symphony, 11-4 Dancing Jack, 5-1 others COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRANERS: C Bensinal. 5 whosers into 13 numers, 38 5%; D Luder, 3 from 12, 25 0%, D Luder, 3 from 9 33.3%; P Chapple-Hyam, 3 from 12, 25 0%, D Muray-Smith, 3 from 13, 23.1%; R Flower, 5 from 22, 22.7%; B Meetran, 14 from 77, 18.2%, JOCKEYS. A Daly, 4 witness from 27 rudes, 14.8%; J Read, 20 from 138, 14.5%, B Doyle, 11 from 81, 13.6%, Dane D'Reift, 4 from 36, 11.1%; S Whitworth, 9 from 86, 10.5%; A Whelen, 4 from 38, 10.5%;

HAYDOCK PARK

THUNDERER

2.00 Future Prospect 2.30 Maiteami 3.00 Tatika

3.30 Benatom 4.00 Suave Star 4.30 Ninotchka

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD.8F.F.G.S) (Mrs D Robinson) 8 Hall 9-10-0 . B West (4) 88

tanoutile in latest race! Going on which horse has won (F — Pirm, good to Britt, hard G — good to Solt, heavy) Owner in brackets. Trainer Age and weight. Rader pits any allowance. The Times Piroste Handhaapper's saling

DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

2.00 PARKSIDE MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES

(2-Y-0: £3,241: 5l) (12 runners) PATILITY PROSPECT (C Buckley) M Johnston 8-9

DOS MAGE BLUE 18 (6 Johnson) R Hoffmeinand 8-9

OUT OF SIGHT (D Allen) B McMathon 8-9...

BRUTAL FANTASY (P Sand) N Traiter 8-6...

2422 JOHN VENTURE 15 (8,87) (Mrs 8 801) B Menton 8-6.

4 OSOMENTAL 16 (H D Domnell) D Heydri Jones 8-6.

Data Venturer Manne Bonston (Beydri Jul J Bern 8-8.) 4 USUMENTAL TO IT IN DOMERN IN THE PROPRISE OF A BALLYMOTE (Many Benezian (Records) List J Berry 6-3 HGGGES (C Eperton) C Eperton 8-3.

2 AYSEEGIRL 14 (S Hobson) Mrs J Cell 8-1. ess) M Meade 7-12

BETTRIG. 7-2 Acheeuri, 4-1 Joint Venture, 5-1 Ocumental, 6-1 Future Prospect, 7-1 Battymole, 8-1 others 1995: BEAUTIFUL BALLAD 7-12 A McGlore (4-5 lav) B Hills 12 ran

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2.30 SPINAL INJURIES ASSOCIATION APPRENTICES HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £3,111: 6f) (16 runners)

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RICHARD EVANS

Nap: INFAMOUS (3.30 Haydock Park) Next best: Band On The Run (3.00 Haydock Park)

3.00 GREENALLS PROPERTY HANDICAP (£5,542: 1m 30yd) (11 runners)

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1995: LIP IN FLAMES 4-8-5 J Carroll (10-1) M Hammond 11 car FORM FOCUS

3.30 COAL PRODUCTS GROUP RATED HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £4,654: 1m 6f) (7 runners)

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Selection: BENATOM

 $4.00\,\mathrm{w}\,\mathrm{y}$ insurance brokers selling stakes (2-Y-0: £2,220: 5f) (6 runners)

FORM FOCUS

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4.30 LITTLETON MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-0 fillies: £3,558: 1m 3f 200yd) (7 runners)

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Selection: GENEROSA

5.00 BICKERSHAW CONDITIONS STAKES (£5,096: 7f 30yd) (5 runners) BETTING: 5-4 Takkapeuro, 6-4 Fire Dome, 8-1 Amer Circle, 8-1 Massier Boots, Krssel, 1995: MASTILE CAT 5-9-10 W Ryan (15-8 Jav) S Woods 5 can

FORM FOCUS

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Rugby close to a vote for anarchy

By David Hands, Rugby correspondent

ONE way or another, English rugby should know where it stands after today. If it does not, those that run the sport will have fudged the issue or the leading clubs in the country will have cut themselves free from the Rugby Football Union (RFU) and set sail into an uncertain future.

The birth of professional rugby union in England has been far more difficult than anywhere else in the world, but a compromise is still within reach. Today the 61strong RFU committee will hear, at the Hilton Hotel. London, presen-tations by the English Professional Rugby Union Clubs (Epruc) and by the union's own negotiating team, led by Cliff Brittle. They will have a chance to question both sides.

This afternoon they will vote on heads of agreement between the two sides and, at that stage, the rugby public, which has been confused, exasperated and saddened by the disagreements of the past four months, will know whether the RFU and its leading clubs can go forward together or whether a second great schism - echoing that of 1895 when the Rugby League was born — is at hand.

The issue that divides them is, essentially, one of control; of the management of the additional finance that the clubs need to function as professional organ-isations. Depending on the club, between £750.000 and £1.5 million may be needed every year figures not consistent with the

appeal of club rugby in England.
The fundamental basis of the sport having changed, the RFU committee must decide whether the clubs most affected are justified in demanding a degree of autonomy. a situation that exists in all the provincial unions of the southern hemisphere. The 61 members of the committee (businessmen, lawyers and farmers, representing the counties, the Services and Oxbridge) will be told by Bill Bishop, the RFU president, that the time for talking is over and that a damaging dispute must be resolved.

The extent of that damage is obvious. Neither the union, burdened by debt, nor the clubs can draw up budgets with any certainty for a season that is only three months away.

Any business seeking to invest in rugby - and that includes the RFU's main backers — has built-in

escape clauses should the game be unable to deliver its premier producis. Thus, firms such as Courage, Pilkington and Save and Prosper. respectively supporters of the league, the cup and Twickenham internationals, will reconsider their positions if there is a

Likewise the clubs, if they believe themselves forced to go it alone, must be sure they can take others with them - clubs from other countries, broadcasters and sponsors - to help fund a parallel game that they are not equipped to run themselves. "Unless we can reach a compromise deal with the RFU, based on what they hear from us at the meeting, then it is hard to see which further avenues can be explored," Donald Kerr, the Epruc

chairman, said yesterday. Kerr, who, with Peter Wheeler, of Leicester, has been the principal spokesman for the clubs, said that he does not seek control of the game. "All we are trying to do is get the professional game off the ground for the whole of English

rugby," he said.

The alternative to compromise is too appalling to contemplate. Gerry Sugrue, the chairman of Coventry, who won promotion to the second division last season, said that he was baffled by the absence of relevant information from both the RFU and Epruc. "We have been given no good reason for leaving the RFU," he said. "It would have to be a compelling and all-powerful reason for us to do so."

According to Vernon Pugh, the chairman of the International Rugby Football Board (IRFB), clubs would be left prey to television interests or to entrepreneurs such as Ross Turnbull, the Australian. and the rift in northern-hemisphere rugby could take five years to heal. "We couldn't deal with two unions from one country and any breakaway group would be outside the regulations of the governing body," Pugh said.

"I doubt if the other unions would sanction games against a breakaway [England] XV. Despite the differences we in the home unions have with the RFU over television. I can't see a situation arising where we would abandon them. Our need in the IRFB has been to build on the elevated profile of rugby worldwide. A strong England is central to that."



Beard, right, with the women bowls players who moved to a new home in protest at their treatment at the Cyphers club

Male bias triggers petticoat rebellion

prominent bowls clubs, the Cyphers in Beckenham, Kent has been the setting for a petticoat rebellion, as 29 of the club's 31 women members have resigned in protest and moved out after what Jill Beard, their president, calls, "male chauvinism at its worst".

"The men refused to consider our request for equal rights, declined to give us the vote, and threatened to take control over the day-to-day running of the women's section, which was formed in 1957," Beard said yesterday."They wanted to vet all applications for membership, and take charge of all monies as soon as we received

The idea of applying for full membership rights was mooted as long ago as December 1994, but. despite a petition signed by all but two of the club's women members. proposal put to the September 1995 annual meeting by Beard's husband, Ron, then the club treasurer, was not even put to the vote. Things came to a head when. David Rhys Jones finds bitter 'suffragette'

women bowlers on march to happier green

after almost 12 months wrangling, Beard was dismissed from membership on November 13, 1995, but no reasons were given for her expulsion, and she continued defi-

antly in her role as president. Beard, who believes she was dismissed entirely because of her involvement in the women's bid for equal rights, added, "in the end. the men's complaints hinged on a trivial conversation I had with the club's male president, Mike Heppell, as long ago as May.

The Cyphers Suffragettes, as the women call themselves, were so incensed at the men's behaviour that they were ready to chain themselves to the railings. They took legal advice and were glad to find they had a strong case.

"Our solicitor informed us that the club constitution actually gives us equal rights, and that I certainly could not be dismissed on a whim,

in one way it's done us a favour.

I predict that the club will be

Mrs Beard said. "Last month our solicitor invited the club to give me leave to appeal, but before we had a reply. we had heard of a bowling green at a club just a mile away which was not being used, and had taken our destiny into our own hands."

without any reasons being given."

Virtually all of the women members marched out of Cyphers and down the road to the Livesey Memorial Hall, where the home club was disbanded two years ago when it was believed that Sainsbury's were going to build a supermarket on the site. The hall is a listed building however, and was spared, along with the bowling green and other sports facilities. The people who run the sports and social club were delighted when we asked them if we could

move in." Mrs Beard said. Heppell said yesterday: "They walked out basically. They

wouldn't conform to the constitu-tion of the club. It's fairly sad, but

revitalised, because many of them made a zero input, and we'll be looking to recruit some women with a more positive attitude. Some of them were charming, but there are others we won't miss! It was a personality thing. They didn't go about it the right way. I'm not against full membership status for the ladies, and we will probably bring it in next year. But I wish they'd bring the books back."

usbands of many of the women at the New Livesey Bowling Club remain at Cyphers. where there seems to be a split between the men who are sympathetic towards the women, and those who are not. "We are determined to make

New Livesey a proper mixed club," Mrs Beard insists."At present, we are all women, but we are hoping to recruit male members, and are even prepared to give them full voting rights."

Auckland

thrills to Super 12

THE tournament that has kick-started the era of professional rugby union in the southern hemisphere reaches its climax in Auckland tomorrow when the final of the Super 12 is played between Auckland Blues and Natal (David Hands writes). Testimony to its instant appeal was demonstrated earlier this week when, within 24 hours, all 44,000 tickets for Eden Park were sold.

Whatever teething problems professionalism may have created down under, the playing of the game has not been one of them. Several internationals — Sean Fitzpatrick, just reappointed as the New Zealand captain for the coming season and John Eales, of Australia, among them - have agreed that the Super 12 has moved the sport forward significantly.

I think we'd be naive if we sat back and thought we'd done every-thing right," Riaan Oberholzer, the chief executive of Sanzar (South Africa, New Zealand and Australia Rugby, the group formed last year to run international and provincial competitions), said. "But the competition has grabbed the interest of people, it revived the interest of our ex-supporters and it also tapped into the rugby league market."

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Three changes

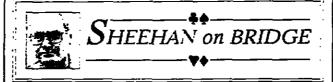
Hockey: There are three changes in the Great Britain team to play Germany at Milton Keynes on Sunday. Giles, Hazlitt and Lee replace Fordham, Hoskin and the injured Laslett, who is also ruled out of the Teddington team that begins its campaign in the B division of the European club championship in Prague today. Champeonship In: Prague today.

GREAT BRITAIN SOLAD: S Mason (Reading); D
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McGuire (Taddington), R Gardia (Polo Club
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Hayles reprimand

Cycling: Rob Hayles, on the short list for the Olympic Games in Atlanta and a triple British road and track champion, has been severely reprimanded for a breach of regulations, when riding in the centre of a dual carriageway, when winning the national 10 miles timetrial championship last Sunday. but will keep his title.





BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

When your right-hand opponent opens the bidding with one of a suit, it is extremely unlikely that you would want to play in that suit — if you do hold a hand with a good long suit which is opened in front of you, it is usually best to pass for the time being and enter the auction on the next round when you have a better idea of what is going on. So it is efficient to play a simple overcall in the opener's suit as artificial: the bid is called a cue-bid. There is a great deal of difference in treatment of cue-bids between the rubber bridge table and the tournament world.

In rubber bridge circles, a cue-bid shows an extremely strong hand, either a one-suiter or a two-suiter, it is forcing to game. (With a three-suited hand short in the suit opened, it is always correct to start with a take-out double). Some examples of such a cue-bid over a One Heart opening would be:

≜AKJ10874 ♦AK5 **♦ AK532 ♣** A 6 . A 6

In both cases, there are plenty of yarboroughs opposite that would make game a good proposition. With Hand (i), the final denomination will almost certainly be spades: even if partner can contribute nothing at all, Four Spades will depend on the queen of trumps dropping doubleton. However, it would be a mistake to bid Four Spades straightaway as this might lead to a missed slam. With Hand (ii), the final denomination is less certain, spades or diamonds being a strong possibility. Although this hand cannot count tricks in quite the same way as Hand (i), its potential is greater - facing five small cards in spades or diamonds and a doubleton in the other, slam would be a good proposition. The secret of responding to strong cue-bids is to keep the bidding low to give partner a chance to describe his

Such strong hands are very rare, so, to make more frequent use of the cue-bid, tournament players use them to show much weaker two-suiters. Common is the "Michaels cue-bid"; a cue-bid of a minor opened by right-hand opponent shows both majors, and a cue-bid of a major-suit opening shows the other major and an unspecified minor. This allows a descriptive entry into the auction with a hand that has good distribution, for either constructive or sacrificial purposes. The minimum strength for such a cue-bid varies with the vulnerability. Consider the following hands after a One Heart opening:

♦AKJ76 **♦ KQ 10 4 3 ♦KQJ65**

Hand (iii) is a good example of a non-vulnerable Michaels cue-bid, whereas vulnerable a hand more of the strength of (iv) would be necessary. Next week, I will discuss take out doubles. ☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING By Philip Howard

LEGATO

a. A Byzantine chamberlain b. Smoothly

c. Grilled calf's liver MOOCHER

a. A blackberry-picker b. A handkerchief

LANGUET

a. A freshwater decapod b. A chain breastplate c. A little tongue MHORR

a. A Gaelic slogan b. A standing stone c. A gazelle

Answers on page 46



BY RAYMOND KEENE

CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Joint lead

After two rounds of the powerful international tournament in Seville, the lead is shared by Boris Gelfand, the Belorussian grandmaster, and grandmaster Viswanathan Anand, from India, the unsuccessful challenger for the PCA world championship title last

Both players have 12 points. The average ratings of the competitors in Seville comes to an extraordinary level of 2,715. In the second round, Anand and Kasparov fought a desperate and exciting duel that ended in a draw by perpetual check after Kasparov sacrificed his queen.

White: Viswanathan Anand Black: Garry Kasparov Seville, May 1996

Sicilian Defence

04 Nord4 Nc3 Be3 g4 14 Nf5 Of3 0-0-0

Oggi Beg Bross Ko Ka Ka Ka Boris Gelfand demonstrated an excellent method against the Grunfeld Defence to defeat Vassily Ivanchuk, Gelfand's 23, Ne6 was particularly fine, and equally impressive his delayed capture of

sacrificed knight. White: Boris Gelfand Black: Vassily Ivanchuk Seville, May 1996 Grunfeld Defence

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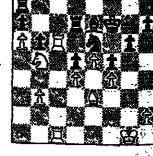
SECOND ROUND: Topelov drew with Kramnik Gelfand bt wandhuld Anand drew with Kasperov, Shirov bl-Raymond Keene writes on chess

Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Fiorito — Tempone, Mar del Plata, 1996.

The black knight on e6 is a fine blockading piece and is also preventing White from invading along the seventh rank with Rc7. How did White deal with this troublesome piece? Solution on page 46



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THE TIMES FRIDAY MAY 24 1996 Audi Sport Audi Sport

To give our competitors a sporting chance, we've been asked to put on a bit of extra weight.

Oh dear. It appears that the well-earned victories for the Audi A4 quattros in this year's Auto Trader RAC British Touring Car Championship have been eating away at certain members of the motor racing fraternity. To the extent that we've just had yet another 30kg weight handicap slapped on us. Will it spoil our appetite for success? Fat chance.

Vorsprung durch Technik

Comedy becomes tragedy for Brown



SIMON WILDE

'He got

laughs for

the wrong

reasons'

f Alistair Brown had appeared on a one-wheeled bike, wearing a silly hat and a red nose, and thrown custard pies at the umpires, he would scarcely have struck a more ridiculous figure than he

Without any hint of firstnight nerves, he went through with the routine that he had been given — and he got the laughs all right — but, in true slapstick tradition, for mostly the wrong reasons. For Ally Brown, read Coco the Clown.

It was not all his fault. Brown is unfortunate to be a big-hitting opening batsman play-ing at a time when England think that that is precisely what they need to the fielding restric-

tions now governing limited-overs internationals. These are dangerous days to be labelled a one-day player, as Brown

Although he struck some fine blows yesterday, too few of them cleared the inner ring of fieldsmen and that was exactly what he was in the team for. That is not to say that he did not try. He did; but, by the seventh over, he had scored only 13 and was clearly feeling the pressure. He attempted to hoick Srinath over mid-wicket, but the ball was of full length and Brown could only skew it crazily over the slips, where it landed safely

green than some seen here

and, after struggling early on, Robinson and Hussain batted

well, too, showing that, what-

thinks of him, he has not lost

Malcolm ended the day

with only one wicket, though

with two thumping bound-

to drive a ball of good length.

Hussain had to find shelter.

For a while, Robinson and

his self-respect.

out of the retreating Tendulkar's reach. Soon after, he tried something similar. again against Srinath, and was clattered on the helmet.

He was having more success with Prasad, to whom he stepped down the pitch and pulled to the square-leg boundary. Two overs later, he tried, with less subtlety. to repeat the trick. The drums were rolling as he danced down the pitch ... Prasad saw him coming and dropped the ball short ... Brown fell over

trying to make contact ... the wicketkeeper shied at the stumps ... and Brown was left to scramble in the dirt in order to make his ground. All that was missing was a clash of the cymbals.

After 15 overs, when the fielding restrictions were reaxed. Brown had scored only 29, not quite what England had been looking for. When he was out, four overs later, having missed a straight ball from Mhambrey, he had scored just 37 from 52 balls.

It would be unfair to state on the evidence of one match that Brown does not have the technique to play cricket for England. More pertinent would be to ask whether England's tactics yesterday were the right ones.

This Oval pitch had far more bounce and carry than those on which Brown bat-



Brown's richly comic routine is ended on 37 as he misses a straight ball from Mhambrey and is clean bowled

tered county attacks to all parts of Kennington during the Benson and Hedges Cup earlier this month. Srinath and Prasad were a handful even for Atherton, who was trying to cope at the other end by altogether more orthodox means.

The point is that, whatever the conditions, England have got the wrong end of the stick

Smith. He is primarily an offover this pinch-hitting busispin bowler who can afford to fail as a batsman. When he ness. The teams that are good at it do not employ players like Brown. They send in first joined Brown after Atherton's players who have other strings dismissal, he looked far more comfortable about flinging the to their bow (Jayasuriya, of Sri bar than his partner; and, Lanka, is an all-rounder) or although he failed coming in their most fluent player (Mark at No 3, Kumble, too, was a Waugh, for Australia, or Tendulkar, for India). safe gamble for India. It is really time that England gave this particular torch to Hick. England would do better to

Of course, Brown should have been out to his second ball yesterday, but cruel, out-Brown was given more than a pinch - dictated that Rathore would drop the chance that he was presented with at second

Brown was obliged to stay and end up with custard pie on

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Glamorgan v Worcs ASERGAVENNY (first day of four, ill crosslerahre won toss) Glamorgan have sooned 148 for five wickets against 14 oncesterahre

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Total (5 wkts, 54.4 overs) R D B Croft, O D Gabson, S D Thomas, S L Walker and S R Barwick to box. Water and S H Bankto to Dat.
FALL OF WICKETS. 1-24, 2-26, 3-127,
4-137, 5-148.
BCWLING Newport 15-4-5-49-4; Sheriyar
6-0-27-1- Lampit 8-2-27-0; Bangworth
19-8-29-0; Rawnsley 4-2-11-0.

WORCESTERSHIPE: T.S. Curis, W.P.C. Westen, R.K. Spring, "T.M. Moody, D.A. Jestherder, Y.S.J. Richtes, S.R. Lamplir, P.J. Neugen, R.K. Mingsorth, A. Shenyer, M. Raunsley.

Borus points. Glamorgan 0 Worcester-strae 2

Gloucestershire v Surrey GLOUCESTER (first day of four Gloucester-shire won toss): Goucestershire have somed 223 for four winders against Surray

GLOUCESTERSHINE: Hets resurge
A J. Vingt Dw b Julan
N J. Tracto: Dw b Julian
M A Lynch rus out
T H C Harbook not out
A Symptotic of Reserve b M P Biolonel
M W Alleyne not out
Extra 16 1 w 2 no 22) GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First brangs

Total (4 wkts, 61.1 overs) FAIC Russell, R.P. Davis, M.C.J. Ball, A.M. Smith and "C.A.Wash to ball FAIL OF WICKETS 1-111, 2-111, 3-146,

21-4-74-1, Julian 22-5-61-2, HoSozke 4-1-14-0; Benjamin 7-1-2-28-0 Pearson 7-1-25-0. SURREY: D. J. Bokmell, M. A. Buncher, J. D. Rackfile, "A. J. Hollorake, Nadacon Shahid, C. M. Ward, B. P. Julian, 1G. J. Kersey, M. F. Biochell, P. M. Pearson, J. E. Benjamin Bonus points. Gloucestershire 1 Surrey 1. Urrowes: H D Brd and T E Jesty.

Kent v Yorkshire CANTERBURY (List day at four, Yorkshir won toss) Yorkstore have scored 261 for the withrets agains! Kent

YORKS-HIRE: First Innings
A McGrath c Hooper b Preston

"P Vaughan c Hooper b Preston

"P Byes c Marsh b Preston

M G Byean c Llong b Preston

M G Byean c Llong b Preston

H J Besey not out

A C Marsh not out

Ecras (b 2, b 2, w 1, nb 10)

KENT: D P Fulton, MV Remeng, T R Ward, C L Hooper, G R Cowdrey, N J Llong, "1S A Marsh, J B D Trompson, M J McCague M M

Patel, N.W. Presion Bonus points. Kent 2 Yorkshire 2 Umpres: R Paimer and A Clarkson.

Somerset v Northants TAUNTON (first day of four, Somerse) won loss). Northamptonishine have scored 62 for two wickets against Somerset.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings

SOMERSET: M. N. Lashwell, P.D. Bowlet. *A. N. Hayhurst, M. E. Trescothick, P. C. L. Holloway, S.Lee, tR.J. Turner, G.D. Rose, J.D. Batty, A.R. Caddick, K.J. Shine.

Warwicks v Leics EDCBASTON (first day of lour; Loces stare won toss): Warwickshie have soo 60 for no wickels against Leicestershie

WARWICKSHIRE: First Imings

LEICESTERSHIPE: V.J. Wells, D.L. Maddy, B. F. Smith, P. V. Smitnons, *J. J. Whitaker, A. Habib, IP A.Ntaon, G.J. Parsons, D.J. Milins, A. R.K. Pierson, A.D. Multally Umpires: G | Burgess and D R Shepherd

University match Oxford Univ v Notts THE PARKS (first day of three, Odord University wan toss). Odord University have scored 178 for three wickels against Notinghamshire.

Hussain and Robinson give Essex time to regroup

By MICHAEL HENDERSON

Hussain needed 17 overs to DERBY (first day of four; Essex won toss): Essex have made 225 for three against reach double figures and his first two boundaries came off the edge. Slowly, he and Robinson found their feet in a passage of play that held interest for being competitive. BEFORE the rain arrived at tea-time, there was some good Had Harris bowled straighcricket at the Racecourse Ground. The pitch was less ter, the batsmen would not

Robinson, missed at slip by Adams on 37, was first to 50 well on it. Malcolm bowled and blossomed in the early afternoon sun. He had played ever Raymond Illingworth some attractive strokes when Jones, bringing himself on to bowl the gentlest of off spin, ended a stand of 158 before immediately making way for his opening spell might have Base. It takes some believing that Base is still with the earned two more. It was a good wicket to get. Gooch, who had begun the morning county. He made one appearance last summer and is playing here only because aries, was bowled as he tried Cork and DeFreitas are unavailable. Just before tea, Law

battered him for four bound-

aries in an over.

have survived the morning.

Hussain had gone by then for 81, leg-before to Harris, whose afternoon performance must have encouraged his captain. He jagged the ball around off the pitch and was eventually rewarded for his persistence when he struck Hussain on the back leg.

Hussain batted with maturity and sound judgment. They are qualities that should serve him well this summer, and not just for Essex.

SEX: First Innings Melcolm Total (3 wkts. 73 overs)

Total (\$ wids, 73 overs) _______225
A P Grayson, †R J Rollins, M C Bort, N F
Williams, P M Such and A P Cowan to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-21, 2-179, 3-179.
BCOM_INS. Melcolm 18-2-60-1; Harnis 18-6-44-1; Bese 18-4-79-0; Aldred 7-1-29-0; Wells 10-2-12-0; Jones 1-1-0-1.
DEPRBYSHEE K J Barnett, A S Rollins, C J
Adams, *D M Jones, J E Owen, C M Wells,
†K M Kridden, S J Bese, P Aldred, A J Harris,
D E Melcolm.

Hampshire unhinged by Brown's incursion

By JACK BAILEY

persist with promoting Neil

PORTSMOUTH: (first day of four, Hampshire won toss). Hampshire have scored 192 for nine wickets against

INVADING the den of the

Warwickshire bear at Edgbaston and emerging clutch ing the spoils is one thing. Taking on a Durham team that is hungry for any kind of Hampshire found this out at the United Services ground yesterday, when they lost their first three wickets to Simon Brown inside five overs for nine runs and, despite fighting innings from Adrian Aymes and Cardigan Connor, still have some way to go before regaining their

equilibrium. It was a toss that John Stephenson, the Hampshire captain, might have hoped to lose. There is invariably pace and movement in the Portsmouth wicket early on. Equally, genuine application on the part of the batsmen is usually rewarded in spades.

While Durham, Brown especially, bowled quite well, it cannot be said that Hampshire's early order were in a resolute frame of mind. Not until Kevan James settled in briefly did resistance enter the equation. Not until Aymes and Connor joined in a part-nership of 54 for the ninth wicket did bat dominate ball.

Connor made 42 of these. Durham bowled short and Connor revelled in it. Fifty overs were lost to rain, but it remains Durham's day, although not quite as firmly as it had begun. .

Then, Brown found the edge against Stephenson's forward push with his second ball and struck again with his sixth as Laney tried to guide him down the leg-side. When Brown brought one back to have Morris leg-before he had taken three for 2 in 14 balls and Hampshire were hang-

Betts bustled in and the promising James holed out at mid-wicket and Whitaker topedged Wood to reward him in his first over for a year in the championship. Haphazard strokes both, but it took a blinding catch at cover to see off Connor and Aymes remained defiant to the end. HAMPSHIRE: First Innings

ing on by their fingertips.

*J P Stephenson c Scott b Brown
J S Leney c Scott b Brown
R S M Monts tow b Brown H S M Morts Der b Brown
K D Jernes c Blenishon b Beits
P R Whitaker c Morts b Wood
G W White b Wood
A N Aymes not out
S D Udal ther b Beits
R J Maru Ibw b Wood
C A Connor c Bolling b Brown
S M Milburn not out
Extras (b) L w 5 nb 20th Extras (to 1, w 5, nb 20) Total (9 wids, 54.3 overs) FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-1, 3-8, 4-27, 5-64, 6-70, 7-91, 8-111, 9-165. DUPHAM: "M A Roseberry, S L Campbell, JE Marris, D A Blenkison, P Bainbridge, P D Collingwood, fC W Scott, J Wood, J Bailing, S J E Brown, M M Betts. ionus points: Hampshire () Durham 4.

Wells in hurry to

four: Middlesex won toss): Sussex have scored 216 for three wickets against

old-fashioned three-day

seam for all four Middlesex seamers. Fraser bowled well but without luck, Hewitt had Hall caught at first slip in his second over and Nash, though looking far from fit in his first championship match of the season, claimed Speight caught behind.

Unfortunately for Gatting, all but Fraser bowled too many loose balls and Wells took full advantage of them. Having given Athey 18 overs and 20 runs start, he was first to his 50, which included nine fours, and he had struck another seven when he hooked Follett into the hands

of Nash at long leg. Athey is 38 now and realised that his eyesight was deteriorating towards the end of last season. He could not get on with contact lenses but speciatrick and he had reached 70 in 63 overs when the rain set in. SUSSEX: First Interes

res (5 7, w 1, r.b 12) Total (3 wkts, 62.3 overs)

ALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-57, 3-209

FALL OF WICKETS 1-6, 2-67, 3-209
BCWILING: Fraser 16 3-5-29-0: Hewrit 11-3-43-1: Nash 10-1-44-1: Foliet 17-6-67-1. Tutnell 7-2-24-0: Weekes: J-C Pooley, M R Rampralash, "M W Gatting, J D Can, rik R Brown, J P Hewrit, A R C Fraser, D Foliet, D J Nash, P C R Tufnell Bonus points Sussex 1 Middlesex 1 Umpares. B Dudleston and B J Meyer.

Venue Players

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YESTERDAY'S RACING RESULTS

Goodwood

Going: soft 2.10 (6) 1, Nakad Poser (Dane O'Neil, 4-1); 2. Natafa Bay (13-8 fay, 3. War For Roste (5-1). 5 ran. NR: Raumon Hd, 11 R Hannon. Tote £4.90; £1.60, £1.30 DF: £3.40, CSF: £10.23

£10.23 2.40 (Im 4) 1, Taipen (L Detron, 7-2 faw; 2, Bardon HB Boy (10-1); 3, Royal Schnitzar (11-2) 9 ran. NR Chalham Island, 3l, hd. J Durslop, Tote: £4 10; £1 70, £4 10, £1 80 DF £27 50 CSF £32 93, Tricast £165 42 DF 127-30 Car-LS243, Imaset Letter 4, 210 (7) 1, Orange Place (T Outrn, 12-1); 2 Davidib (14-1); 3, Stoppes Brow (20-1) Courageous Dancer 7-2 few 11 ran, NR Eriton, Jo Maxemus, 224, 124 T Naughton 1022 (13-90, 52-40, 52,40, 54-90, DF 927-80 CSF-5140-74, 7ricost, 53,047-77. 127 80 CSF (140.74, Incest 153)47 77, 3,40 ; mg 11, Captain Horatius (T Clurn, 4-1), 2, Wijara (4-1); 3, Lear White (100-30), Fanial 11-4 fav. 6 van. NP. Maschment, Maratinga, Matinght Legend, Musetta, 214, 191, J Duniop, Total (24.30, 22.20, 21.90, DF: 21.10, CSF; 517.89.

29.10. CSF: £17.69. 4.10 (65) 1, Ortolan (Dane O'Neil, 15-8 tay); 2. Luonel Edwards (13-2), 3, Red Time (20-1). 10 ran, NR: Beeny, Sh Ind, 1141, R Harmon. Tote: £2.40; £2.10. £1.90, £3.80. DF: £8.80 CSF: £13.69. 4.45 (Im 1) 1, North Song (L Detion, 13-8 tay, 2, Ta Awart (9-2); 3, Dramatic Moment 112-1) 7 ran, NR: Reatms Of Glory, Roday Ossis, 2-9, 8, J Gosdan Tota, 92,40; \$1,50, 21,10, nS; each OSS; each

5.20 (5f) race abandoned — log. Jackpot: £10,574,80 (0.30 winning tickets; pool of £10,425,86 carried forward to Haydock Park today).

Newcastle

Going: good, good to firm in places 2.25 (Im 2) 32yd) 1, Sasuru (Paul Eddery, 15-8 lay), 2, Ouestonia (5-2): 3, Altamura (7-1) 14 ran. 14, 5l. G Wragg, Tote: £3.40; £1.40, £1.50, £2.10 DF: £5.10, CSF: £7.63. 2.55 (6) 1, Helio Doby (Pau Edday, 3-1), 2, Going For Broke (10-1); 3, Siker Ray (50-1), Forzy Evers to: 8 ran, 3, 21 K Burke, Tota: £4.40; £1.10, £2.40, £8.30 DF: £17.90 CSF: £28.91.

3.55 (5f) 1, Hula Prince (J Weever, 5-8 lev); 2, Young Bigwig (4-1); 3, Seaside (8-1), 6 ran Sh hd, 11, M Johnston, Tote: £1,60; £1,20, £4,00, DF, £4,80, CSF: £5,19.

293.54. 5.00 (5) 1, Captain Carat (K Fallon, 11-2); 2, Metal Soys (20-1); 3, Feetherstone Larse (14-1) Plum First 5-1 (av. 15 ran. 2), sh hd Mrs. J Ramsclen, Tote: £4,90, £1,90, £2,00, £4.20. DF: £61.90, CSF- £101.33 Timpet £1.391.56.

Placepot; \$90.90.

Wednesday's late results

Salisbury

8.15 (8) 1, Witching Hour (T less. 13-2), 2, Conspiracy (11-4 lav), 3, Green Jewel (6-1), 14 ran NF Nesscanta 4l, 11 Mrs J Cact. Total 58,90; 123 3, 62 50, 62 50, DF 917-60 CSF-926,18

28.90; t3 30, 22.50, £2.50, £7 £17.60 CSF: £26.18
6.45 (1m 40) 1, Glow Forum (Dene C'Nèsi, 9-2 tav); 2, Kristali Bresze, (10-1); 3, Wond Express (12-1); 4, Sterling Fellow (14-1), 19 ran. NR: Woodlands Energy, 5, 4t. L. Hall Tole: £490, £150, £250, £190, £20 £7 £95.00. CSF: £50.27. Tricast; £483.05
7.15 (6! 212yd) 1, Pointer (Mr. L. Jellond, 10-1); 2, Almapa (9-2) [Hab); 3, Shapnes Dornom (14-1); 4, Flying Permant (9-1); £69, Pisk 9-2, Pisk 9

Placepot: £174.50. Quadpot: £18.00.

Newcastle Going: good, good to firm in places

Going: good, good to firm an places
6.30 (67) 1. Enchanted Guest (G Duffeld, 3-1
fan); 2. Mellas (6-1), 3. Hoh Mejesto (7-1), 11
ran. Mk. Ind P. Harns. Tote: E4 10. E1 80,
22.20, 23-50. DF. £15.90. CSF. £22 70.
Thoast. C115.11.
Zintendami (9-2 lev); 3. Shaffishayes (5-1), 15
ran. Ml. sh Ind. A Balley Tote. £8.40; £2.80;
E1 60, £2.20. DF. £39.40. CSF. £39.52.
Tineast £170 18.
Z30 £51 1. Sea-Deer (J Forture, 9-4 tay), 2.
Seron At Winalley (10-1); 3. Flashly a Son (9-2);
13 ran. 11, Ml. D. Chepman. Tote. £3.20;
£1.10, £2.20, £2.10. DF. £40.20. CSF.
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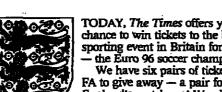
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make up lost time By PAT GIBSON HÖRSHAM (second day of

ALAN WELLS put Sussex's inauspicious start to the season behind him and did his best to make up for lost time before the rain returned to take another sizeable chunk out of a match that had already been reduced to an

in a third-wicket partnership of 152 with Bill Athey, whose well-honed technique, now augmented by a glinting pair of spectacles, had denied Mike Gatting the rewards he expected when he put Sussex in.

There was movement off the



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Glamorgan struggle to cope with **Newport**

By Geoffrey Wheeler

PHIL NEWPORTS return after injury yesterday brought a muchneeded cutting edge to the Worces-tershire attack at Abergavenny where for once, batsmen did not have things their own way on a ground that has seen some notable

Glamorgan had to struggle to reach 148 for five on a rainshortened day, grateful to Mark Butcher, 21, for an innings of 73, and the fact that he was missed twice. Newport ended with four for 49 and removed Butcher with the final ball of the day.

Nick Trainor, 20, from Durham, made an impressive debut for Gloucestershire, taking 67 off the weakened Surrey attack as he outscored the experienced Tony Wright in a first-wicket stand of III on the King's School ground,

Andy Moles, playing his first championship match for Warwickshire since last June, helped Nick Knight to put on 60 in the 15 overs possible against Leicestershire at Edgbaston.

At Canterbury, where there was almost a full day's play, Yorkshire reached 261 for five against Kent. David Byas (44), the Yorkshire captain, and Michael Bevan (80), his deputy, added 128 for the third wicket while Nick Preston, the Kent seamer, marked his home championship debut by taking three for 42

Gul Khan, of Oxford University, twice dismissed in the nineties this season, resumed his search for a maiden first-class century by scoring an unbeaten 72 against Nottinghamshire in the Parks.

Vialli bows out with the ultimate prize

By Rob Hughes, pootball correspondent

ONLY in Italy, where football is close to the ultimate expression of joy and despair, can men weep over something allegedly as trivial as a football match. In Turin in 1990, it was Paul Gascoigne. In the Olympic stadium in Rome this week, it was Gianluca Vialli, his head shaven like a monk, crying to the

Vialli had led Juventus to European Cup victory over the boys of Ajax. He is expected at 3pm today to commit the next two years of his playing career to Chelsea, but now this man of phenomenal football appetite was simply unable to shake off the conviction that, whatever he takes to London, it will be unlikely to come close to the ultimate moment that he shared with a public viewing in 196 countries.

Chelsea come into consideration because that is the prevalent view. Vialli, 32, still maintains that there may be a surprise, still says that 3pm this afternoon will be his first and final declaration about the choice between Rangers, Chelsea and some even say a club in the German Bundesliga, after 12 years in Italy's Serie A.

High in the stands on Wednesday night, Gianni Agnelli, the great patron of Juventus, reflected the joy of the men in the field. He has spent seven decades of a rich life craving this one trophy, pour-ing his family fortune into the business of buying and selling footballers, wanting, he once said, to achieve the highest prize and to let his own imagination run rife in players who could bring grandeur to the sport of the Italians.

Juventus, beating Liverpool in the Heysel Stadium 11 years ago,

had won the European Cup at the dreadful cost of the lives of 39 spectators. This time the victory, albeit on penalties, was pure, and in the piazzas of Rome the celebrations flowed more permanently than the waters of the Trevi fountain. In one of the better European finals, tactics and power had won the day. Marcello Lippi, a man who had come through the ranks of coaching lesser clubs on one-year contracts, had now masterminded the removal of the cup from Aiax, the team and the club of

speed refined. That trio pulled out of joint the Ajax formation on which Terry Venables is redefining England Ajax like to defend with only three at the back; you cannot do that

the decade. He did it by committing

three players to attack - Vialli, the

equally athletic and emotional

Fabrizio Ravanelli, and the young Allesandro Del Piero who, between the heavyweights, is subtlety and



Vialli: emotional triumph

when the opponents attack on three fronts, and critically this obliged Frank De Boer, starting the match with an injured ankle, to be drawn into an Ajax back four. The impetus of the team was surren-dered all across the field and, despite all that has been written about the youth system of the Amsterdam club, it was a home-grown product of Juventus, Moreno Torricelli, the right back, whose constant driving from the back became the revelation of the night.

Ajax had 59 per cent of the possession, but Juventus out-shot

them by 23 attempts at goal to 11. The sight for English and Scottish eyes was of Ajax, with eight of the Holland team who meet England and then Scotland in the European championship, with their heads down, their bodies racked, their necks adorned with losers' medals. Italy, built around six Juventus players, will instead take the conviction of champions into the June

Juventus and Ajax took £9 million each in prize-money and television fees alone from the competition; they also keep gate receipts from 11 games, and Juventus have just signed a new kit sponsorship worth £17 million for four years, plus a £6 million twoyear deal with Sony. Perhaps, at the eleventh hour, there may be sufficient in the kitty for Juventus to make Vialli an offer that he cannot refuse. He would, of course, have to share attacking duties not only with those present but with Alen Boksic, from Croatia, who, on European Cup final day, signed a contract to replace Vialli. The questions will be resolved at 3pm



Steve McManaman watches as Li Bing, of China, flies to the rescue in Peking yesterday. England won 3-0. Report, page 48

Injury puts Muster's Paris place in doubt

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

PREDICTING finalists in grand slam tennis tournaments can be a tricky business, with a formight for favourites to slip up before the big day, but Thomas Muster, from Austria, was as near a certainty to contest the French Open title as made no difference — until yesterday, when he hobbled off court at the Raiffeisen grand prix event in St Pölten, Austria. Suddenly, even Muster's participation in Paris next week was in doubt.

Muster, the French Open champion, suffered an injury to his right ankle during a practice session with Javier Sanchez, of Spain, and was taken to a hospital with a suspected torn ligament. He will. learn today whether, at best, he will be fit again in four days, or, at worst, will miss the championship. He is the world's leading clay-court player but the No 2 seed in Paris.

Pete Sampras, the world No l and top seed at the French Open, is also injured, but he said yesterday that he hopes to be fit in time for the off at Roland Garros on Monday. Sampras has a back injury, but said: "If the French Open had started yesterday, I wouldn't have been able to play, but it is nothing serious. I am very optimistic."

Sampras is short of clay-court practice, having pulled out of the Italian Open last week because he did not feel ready to play after the death of Tim Gullickson, his coach. and having withdrawn from the World Team Cup in Düsseldorf this week with his back problem.

The French Open lost one women's seed yesterday. Chanda Rubin, of the United States, the No 7, withdrew with a foot injury.

DXFORD EIGHTS FOR THE RECORD

ORIEL and Osler-Green rowed over unchallenged at the head of the men's and women's top divisions on the second day of Oxford Univer-

In the men's sixth division, Magdalen III achieved the rare distinction of a double overbump, making up a total

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HONG KONG: Uber Cup: Sem-linals: Chris 5 Denmark 0 (Chura names first: Ye Zhabying bi C Martin 11-8, 11-3, Ge Fer and Gu Jun bit H Kinagaard and R Olsen 17-14, 15-3, Wang Chen bi A Sondergeard 11-0, 11-8; Oin Yiyuan and Tang Yongshu bi L Oisen and Allogensen 15-6, 18-15, Zheng Ning bi M Pedersen 11-5, 11-2, Indonesia. 4 South Korea 1 (Indonesia names first: Sisusanti bi Bang Soo Hyun 11-7, 11-0, E and Z Rostana bi Gal Young Ah and Jang Hye Ock, 15-3, 17-16, M Audina bi Kim, Ji-Hyun 11-8, 11-12, 11-4; Finarshi and L Tampi bi Kim Shin Young and him Mee Hyang 10-15, 15-6, 15-7; Y Sentoso lost to Re Kyung Min 4-11, 4-11).

WINDSOR GREAT PARK: Windsor inter-

EUROPEAN CUP: Final: Ajax 1 Juvenius 1 (aer; 1-1 aher 90 min; Juvenius win 4-2 on CZECH CUP: Final: Sparta Prague 4 Petra Dirrovica 0

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(Fri 4hr 08mn 20sec; 2, R Viserque (Fri; 3,

Y Southov (Pussina): 6, L Brochard (Fr), 7, S

Sunderland (Austria): 8, P Chanteur (Fr); 9,

F Moreau (Fri; 10, L Durlan, (Swrtz); all same

time Overall positions: 1, Jalabert 8tr

33mn 21sec; 2, Vienque at 8sec; 3,

Southov at 10: 4, Brochard: 5, Boardman, 6,

Joncker, all same time

76, J. Rhodes (South Staffs) 89, 76
 ROYAL DORNOCH: Scottish women's amateur champlonehip: Qualifiers after two rounds: 148: A Rose (String) 76, 72, 149: L Mortal (W Killbode) 76, 73, 155: H Sorting (Dunblane New) 78, 77, 156: H Monaghan (Herot Wait Univ) 78, 79, 161: J Ford (Gullane Laties') 81, 80, D Lackson (Cochrane Castle) 80, 81, 162: S McMaster (Ourban 82, 80, 163: V Melvin (Cydebanic and Dis 181, 82, T Stoddart (Cawdrel 19), 83, 164: F Ferquitarson (King James VI) 78, 80, 166: S Alexander (Eign) 84, 81; F Anderson (Tultatian) 81, 83: J Mitne (Eign) 82, 82, 165: S Alexander (Eign) 84, 81; F Anderson (Blairpowne) 81, 84; L Roddurgh (Tern) 82

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Kansas City 6 Delroil 4; Taxas 6 Minnesota 5, Chicago 2 Toronto 1; Seattle 6 Boston 1, Minvaulee 10 dand 5 New York 1.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Cincinnati 4 Florida 1: Atlanta 9 Chicago 4: Colorado 6 Ptrisburgh 3, Moneel 4 San Francisco 3: 5: Louis 5 Houston 2; New York 3 Los Angeles 2: San Diego 5 Philadelphia 2. **BOWLS**

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Civil Service 123, London Scottish 109. **EQUESTRIANISM**

WINDSOR GREAT PARK: Windsor inter-national horse trials: Dressege: Interna-tional section: 1, Independent Archie (A Johnston, GB) 48 8; 3, For The Crack, ID Dick, GB) 53 8; equal 4, Red Baron III (E Dougles-Miller, GB) and Canadisan Gold (J Johnson, GB) 55 4 National section: 1, Rackateer (H Bell) 46.6; 2, Mister MacAvity (R Durrand) 50.0; 3, Welton Crack, On (S Waters) 52 4

FOOTBALL

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Brezil 1 Croaus Clympic 31 1 (at Manaus)

TOUR OF ITALY: Fourth stage (147 kdometres, to Ostuni): 1, M Cipolini (ff. Saecol 3hr 3 fman 39sec, 2, 5 Martinello (ft. Saecol): 3, F Guidi (ff. Songon): 4, M Marzoni (ft. Roslodo): 5, G Bondami (ft. Mapel), 6, Z Sputch (Pol. Panerra) all same time Overall positions: 1, Martinello 19hr Oërnin 35sec, 2, S Zaniro (ft. Gewes) at 6sec: 3, Guidi al 12; 4, F Bontemp (ft. Restrueld) al 18, 5, A Edo (Sp. Nelme) at 26: 6, D Brannal (ft. Panerra) at 28 mins. LIBBE: Second stage: (1715)

TENNIS DÜSSELDORF: ATP World Team Cup: Blue group: Czech Republic 1 Russa 1 (Czech Republic names first P korda bit A Volkov 7-5, 6-2. B Ulinrach lost to Yevgeny

SHOOTING

BISLEY: RAF spring meeting: Nobel Trophy (inter-slaton rile): 1, Usandge 77591s, 2, Cottesmore 752 Inter-station 1631; Pentland Bowl (RAF women's smallbore nite) 1, Cpl S McGregor (Brampton) 786: 2, Cpl J Rabjorns (Wittering) 773 Turner Cup (women's pstol) 1, Rabjorns 712, 2, SACW Matcalle 855 Danby Cup (stow-fire pstol) B Yard RAF Reio) 539 Helston Cup (spon pstol) Vard 561, Willott Cup (standard pstol) Yard 531 Uff aggregate; Cpl Ford 1.115

SQUASH

ST POLTEN, Austria: Men's tournament: Querter-finals: S Dosedel (Cz) bi S Edberg (Swel; 6-3; 6-3; A Gaudenz (fix) bi b C Arisen (Austria) sor; F Mantilla (Sp) bi k Carlsen (Den) 6-4; 6-0; M Ros (Chile) bi F Clavet (F1) 6-2, 1-6, 6-3 EDNIBURGH, Women's doubles Cup: Cuartis-finals: M McGrath (US) and L Netand (Lat) bi J Hethempton (Can) and K Radiord (Aus) 6-3, 3-5, 6-3; N Avendt (US) and M Bollegrat (Holl) b P Tarabris (Argi and C Vis (Holl) 6-2, 6-3

MADRID: Women's tournament: Second round: L Richterove (C2) bt C Mertnezt (Sp. 6-2, 6-3, Quarter-finate: A Sanchez Vicano (Sp.) bt A Coecter (SA) 6-2, 6-3, M Seles (LS) w/o (Spirica (Rom) scr.; J Novotna (Cz) L Richterova (C2) 6-2, 7-5, M Maleeve (Buli) bt B Schultz-McCarthy (Holl) 6-2, 6-3

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Texaco Trophy First one-day inter 10 45, 50 overs THE OVAL: England v India Britannic Assurance championship 11 0, third day of lour, 104 overs minimum HORSHAM: Sussex v Middlesex 11.0, second day of four 104 overs minimum

DERBY: Derbyshire v Essex ABERGAVENNY: Glamorgan v Worcestershile GLOUCESTER: Gloucestershire Surrey PORTSMOUTH: Hampshire v Durham

University metch 11 30, second day of three THE PARKS: Oxford University v BAIN HOGG TROPHY (one dsy): Maid stone: Kent v MCC Young Crickelers Walsall: Minor Counties v Warwackshire

RUGBY LEAGUE Stones Super League Bradford Bulls v Leeds First division Second division **FOOTBALL**

Group B England v Belgium (at Mayol Stadium, Toulon, 6 0) OTHER SPORT

EQUESTRIANISM: Windsor Horse Trais (Mindsor Great Park.) CYCLING: National track championiships (Manchester velodiome, 3-30 and 7-0) GOLF: Volvo PGA championiship (Vermoun)
HOCKEY: Women's International: Eng-land v Argentine (at Liftshalt, 3 30).
TENNIS: Wond women's doubles Cup (Craiglockhart Sports Centre, Edinburgh)

OLIVER-THIS STUFF HAS TO GO TO RILEY'S IMMEDIATELY.

LATER . . . RILEY'S HAVEN'T GOT THAT STUFF YET, WHAT'S HAPPENING? I DON'T KNOW IT SHOULD BE THERE. I PUT IT ON A BIKE THREE HOURS AGO.

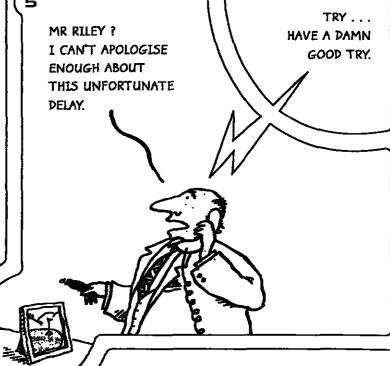


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Striking out with little sizzle on the plate

fish cafés. Indian restaurants, L and steak houses; you went out knowing what you were going to eat. Haute cuisine was followed by nouvelle cuisine, then came cuisines minceur, flambé, and pouf, and all one knew was that it would be expensive. Ego-trip establishments followed: Albert and Nico and Michel. Pierre and Marco, Alistair and Gary; you knew who was going to come and kiss your guests between

Now there are theme restaurants: hang the food, feel the ambiance is the premise on which they operate. It is a

style of catering described by an American friend as "sizzle without steak". There is a fashion cafe, one that attracts its clientele with cinematic memorabilia and others vet that work on football, cricket and golf nostalgia. What they have in common is that they are good places in which to entertain people to whom you have little to say.

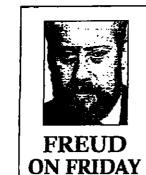
Babe Ruth, in Wapping, is a newish arrival among theme restaurants, and as a fan of Mr Ruth — who was a baseball star, a "Gazza" of a

liked the days when there were man before it became fashionable to combine sporting brilliance with simplistic extrovert behaviour — I went to see how they perpetuate the memory of such an icon. Ruth played in ten World Series between the wars. scored 714 home runs, earned \$80,000 a year, while around him folk were asking buddies to spare them a dime: Ruth left much of his money to children's charities.

The place is large and modernistic. A young woman opened the door, remained in the doorway, and I waited for her to leave. She said: "Come in. Welcome to Babe Ruth. You'll have a brill time." I squeezed

past her. A small basketball court is situated just inside the entrance, and a fair-haired Amazon was throwing the ball into the hoop with some skill; a near-naked child ran in and out and received the occasional hug: could have been mother and son, or emancipated baby sitter and charge. "Smoking or no smoking?"

No smoking. I said, and was sat next to a table of four who puffed at their cigarettes with fervour. The atmosphere was loaded with garlic and noise and lights and pictures



from film screens and television screens and taped music and waitresses asking breathless questions which they answered themselves: "How is your food?. Fantastic, that's great", while their clients sat bemused. The restaurant was cold, which might have been welcoming on a hot night.

The menu arrived via an American waitress, who said: "This is the menu. have a wonderful evening, can I get you a drink?." At the bottom of the glossy bill of fare was written: "All our sodas are served in huge 22ounce glasses". Perhaps rival places use small 22-ounce glasses.

I asked for a cold beer, sent it back, got a colder beer. "Sure, no trouble,

have a terrific day. The prices were high and seemed especially high because, on the previous evening, I had gone to the Thai Bistro in Chiswick High Road, and had two excellent starters, two small jugs of sake and a bottle of Thai lager, two main courses with an egg fried rice and a dish of good noodles for £19.80.

Here cheesehurgers were about £10, refishes had to be asked for and cost extra, salad was boring, and puddings came at £3.99 up to a chocolate waffle banana 'Atmosphere sundae at £6.99.

On the walls and

hanging from the

ceiling were the im-

sports: stuffed baseball players in New York Mets shirts, hang gliders, surf boards, caps, bats

On the television screen above my table, a man in light blue shorts was boxing one wearing dark blue who did the Ali shuffle and goaded his opponent in the manner of the great man . . . until light blue knocked him out. No sound came from the set, and this was followed by Barry McGuigan summing up - not everyone's favourite entertainment. soundless summing up.

room is the kitchen, which is huge and shining, and one sees people doing things, like chopping and arranging food on plates.

On the screen above my table, now saw a boxer with Wilfredo embroidered across the seat of his shorts fighting an amazingly even bout like pugilistic muzak, could have gone on for ever without doing anyone much harm until Wilfredo,

around the time I got a very much better cheeseburger for the one I had sent back, caught his opponent with a fierce left hook. The damage done to the victim's face was uncondu-

cive to confronting a £5.99 strawberry sludge cake with frosted coconut cream and sliced nuts. The waitress, a frustrated Judy Garland, told me that she was now taking away my plate, and it had been fabulous, right ... and what could she get me now, another drink,

OK?...Bill, I said.
"Right." said she, removing the tomato ketchup bottle from my table.
"I'll take this away for you, and I'll be

is loaded

with noise'

Noodles, tiles and Hawking

Ballad of the Sad Cafes. Radio 4 (FM), 10,000am.

Food for thought and thought for food are twin strands in Menna Bonsels's report on a northeast London café populated by expatriales from South-East Asia, mainly Vietnamese. Noodle soup is consumed in vast quantities there, and occidental gouriness will be delighted to hear that traditional dishes featuring dog mear have been replaced by variations on the theme of pork. Much time is spent slapping down malt-jong tiles, and there are also inter-generational tensions. The young, largely westernised, resent the wagging fingers of their parents and grandparents and patronise another, more youthful, café. Food for thought? One customer is translating Stephen Hawking's A Brief History of Time for his fellow customers. Bonsels's report on a northeast London cafe populated by expatriates

A Handful of Dust. Radio 4, 2.00pm.

It may be nit-picking, but I think that it needs saying. In all other respects, Sally Avens's production of Evelyn Waugh's darkish satire accurately recreates the sophisticated savagery of high society in 1920s England. A flat could be had in London for three pounds a week, and families living in posh houses could keep 15 servants, and the popular sorgs of the Twenties that bind together the unusually short scenes in Bill Matthews's adaptation were precisely those we hear this afternoon; but I will need some convincing that when hear this afternoon; but I will need some convincing that, when women exchanged pecks in the Twenties, they made that stupid "Mwah!" sound of the Nineties.

Peter Davalie

RADIO 1

PM Steres. 4.00em Cive Werren 6.30 Chris Evans 9.00 Smon Mayo 12.00 Lisa l'Anson, incl at 12.30-12.45pm Newsbeet 2.00 Nicky Campbell 4.00 Mark Goodier, incl at 5.30-5.45 Newsbeet 7.00 Essential Selec-tion10.00 One in the Jungle 1.00em Radio 1 Rap Show 3.00 Annie Nohthoale

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 6.00em Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wates Up to Wogen 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Anne Robinson 1.30 Debble Thrower 3.00 Ed Stewart 5.05 Frances Edmonds 7.00 Meestro 7.30 Friday Night is Music Night 8.45 The Thirty-Nine Steps (3/10) 9.30 Listen to the Band 10.00 Festival Follies 12.05em Charles Nove

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 The Breakfast Programme Incl 6.55, 7.55 Recing preview 8.35 The Magazine Incl Video Review and News from Europe Racing preview 8.35 The Magazine Incl Video Review and News from Europe 12.00 Midday with Mair Incl 12.35pm Moneycheck 1.15 Entertainment News 2.05 Ruscoe on Five Incl 3.45 Entertain-ment News 4.00 Nabonwide, Incl 5.45 Entertainment News 7.00 News Exta Incl at 7.20 Friciary Sport Rugby League Bradford Bults v Leeds, Footbell Eng-land Under-12 v Belgtum in Touton, Golf-Day one of the PGA Championship from Wentworth 9.35 Sports Shop, with Adrian Goldberg 10.05 Paper Talk, with Brian Alexander and Phil Murphy 11.00 Night Extra 12.05am After Hours 2.05 Up All Night, with Richard Dallyn

Up All Night, with Flichard Dallyn TALK RADIO

6.30am Paul Ross 10.00 Scott Chis. 1.00pm Anna Raeburn 3.00 y Boyd 5.00 Peter Deeley 7.00 All times in BST. 5.00em News 5.30 Europe Today 5.45 Folk Routes 6.00 Newsday 6.30 Europe Today 6.45 Words and Music 6.50 Insider's Guide Words and Nuess 1.5 World Today 7.30 Blues 7.00 News 7.15 World Today 7.30 Blues World 8.00 News 8.15 Off the Sheff 8.30 About Face 9.00 News in German 9.15 Music Review 9.45 Soundbyle 10.00 News 10.05 Business 10.15 Focus on News 10.05 Business 10.15 Focus on Faith 10.45 Sport 11.00 News 11.30 BBC English 11.45 Off the Shelf 12.00 News 12.30pm Meridian 1.00 News in German 1.15 Britain Yoday 1.30 Ser-ence in Action 2.00 Newshour 3.00 News 3,05 Outlook 3.30 Multitrack 4.00 News 4,05 Sport 4,15 BBC English 4.30 News 4,05 Sport 4,15 BBC English 4.30 News in German 5.00 Europe Today 5.30 Business 5.45 Britain Today 6.00 5.30 Business S.45 Britain Today 6.00 News 6.10 World Today 6.25 Spotlight 6.30 News in German 7.00 News 7.30 Focus on Faith 8.00 News 9.01 Outlook 9.25 Words of Fath 9.30 Multitrack 10.00 News 10.05 Business 10.15 Britain Today 10.30 People and Politics 11.00 Newsdask 11.30 New Europe 11.45 Sport 12.00 Newsdask 12.10 Section 12.10 Section 12.10 Section 12.10 Newsdask 12.10 Section 12.10 Section 12.10 Newsdask 13.10 Section 13.10 New Seak Newsdask 13.10 Section 13.10 New Seak Newsdask 13.10 Section 13.10 Newsdask 13.10 Section 13.10 Newsdask 13.10 Section 13.10 Newsdask 13.10 Section 13.10 Newsdask 13.10 12.10 Spotligh 12.15 Insider's Guide 12.10 Spotligh 12.15 Insider's Guide 12.25 Book Choice 12.30 Multitrack 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 Seven Days 1.45 Britain Today 2.00 Newsdey 2.30 Outlook 2.55 Words of Faith 3.00 Newsday 3.30 Meridian 4.00 News 4.15 Sport 4.30 Virtene Charl Show

Sport 4.30 Vintage Charl Show CLASSIC FM

4.00sm Mark Criffiths 6.00 Mike Read 9.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Susannah Smons 2.00pm Concerto 3.00 Jame Crick 6.00 Classic Newsnight 6.30 Sonata 7.00 Showcase 8.00 Evening Concert 10.00 Michael Mappin hrough the Night

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00em Russ 'n' Joho 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Nicky Home 7.30 Paul Coyte 10.00

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air. Introduced by Penny Gore. Bax (Romantic Overture); Hummel (Septet in C. Op 114, Septet militaire); Verdi (Overture The Force of Destiny); Honegger (Concerto da camera); Vivaldi (Concerto in C, Op 8 No 12); Turina (Serenate Op 87)

Paul Gambaccini. Rimsky Korsakov (Caprico)
espagnole: New Phitharmonia
Orchestra under Leopold
Stokowski); Brahms (Clarinet
Quintet in B minor Op 115:
Unated Mischel geography

Harold Wright, clarinet)
10.00 Musical Encounters, Bath Festival. Artist of the Week: Roger Vignoles, pieno. Rachmaninov (Ne ver mne, drug); 10.05 Beethoven (Veriations on a theme from Judas Maccabaeus); Talis (Spern in alium); Tippett (Plano concerto); Bloch (From Jewish Lite); Britten (Canticle No 2, Abraham and Isaac);

No 2, Abraham and Isaac; Marais, art Gendron (La Folia); Gorauger (Je bols); Vian (La Cinematographe) 12.00 Composer of the Weelc Respigh! 1.00pm St David's Hall Lunchtime Rectal, Nicholas

Dom St David's Hall
Lunchtime Recital. Nichola
Daniel, oboe; Julius Drake,
piano. Saint-Saëns (Oboe
Sonata in D. Op 168);
Spearing (A Welsh Bestlary);
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2.15 Music Box 2.30 Dance
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Workshop 2.50 Poetry Corner
3.00 Minling the Archive. Stephen
Plaistow reviews the career of
the Russian parist, Emi
Giles who died in 1994
5.00 The Music Machine, with
Tommy Pearson

Hall has now to face Joanne

Hockley, a Felixstowe Ferry

colleague, whose form has

improved appreciably this

year. She beat Rebecca Hud-

son, from Wheatley, by 2 and 1 in the second round. Four

down with five to play, Hud-

son won the 14th and 15th with

birdies and took the next with

a par three before Hockley recovered to dispatch her at

the 17th. Hockley's impressive

golf, she says, is a tribute to the teaching skills of Johnny

Johnson, the professional at

an Ipswich driving range. Elaine Ratcliffe, standing

proudly at the top of the draw in recognition of her victory in

the strokeplay stage, had two

handsome wins, by 5 and 4, against Kay Baxter, of Moortown, in the morning.

and Joanne Oliver, a plus-

three player from Knebworth,

after lunch. Ratcliffe, a Stir-

ling University graduate, is used to playing in high winds,

and it showed.

5.15 in Tune, includes Gershwin, arr Kostal (Promenade, Shall We Dence?); Hotst (A Somerset Rirapsody); Vivaldi (Violin Concerto in G minor, Op 8 No 2, Summer, The Env. Sassney. Four Seasons)
7,30 Bath Festival. The opening

of four to be broadcast on Radio 3. Bournemouth Sinfonietta under Nicolae Moldoveanu, Havdn Motoveanu. Hayon (Symphony No 103 in E fist, Drumroll); Gruber (Zeltstimmung); Mozart (Hom concerto No 2 in E fiat); Welti —

(Symphony No 2) in E flat); W (Symphony No 2) 9.30 Jelly Mountain. With Nor Cutter 9.45

Outler

9.45 More Jelly. Musical reflections by Jelly Roll Morion

10.00 Hear and Now. Includes Michael Gandolfi (Design School); Luminita Spinu (Of Tears and Saints); Karen Markham (The Wheel Has Turned); Ronald Ford (Inferno I, 32); 11.30 WEB The electronic sound sculpture commissioned by the BBC

commissioned by the BBC rom BEAST 12.00 Composer of the Week: Clara Schumann. Walzer; Three Romances. Op 11; Three Partsongs (1848); Piano Concarto in A minor (r) 1.00am Through the Night, with Donald Macleod, includes Schem (The Fountain of Schem (The Fountain of Israel) 2.10 Music for piano

and strings by Schumen 3.10 Dramatic works by Monteverdi 4.10 Ronald ms works by Beethoven

8.05 Any Questions? Nick Clarke chairs a topical discussion in Perth, with Labour's chief whip Donald Dawar, MP.

whip Donaid Deviar, MIP;
Helena Kennedy, QC;
Malcolm Rillkind, MIP, Foreign
Secretary; and Adair Turner,
Director-General of the CBI

8.50 Law In Action, with Marcel
Berlins reviewing and
analysing the week's legal
issues

9.15 Letter from America, by Alistair Cooke 9.30 Kaleldoscope Feature D

Lynne Walker about her singing career (r) 9.59 Weather

Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with
Robin Lustig
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Next of

Kin, by Joanna Frollope.
Read by Robin Ellis (10/10)
11.00 Week Ending. With Sally
Grace, Toby Longworth and
the team taking a skleways
look at the week's news
11.25 Tea hundlen. The leat in the

11.25 Tea Junction. The last in the

present series with Patrick Hannan and his guests taking a sceptical look at the week's

Kaleidoscope Feature Dawn Upshaw talks to the soprano

5.55em Shipping Forecast (LW only) 6,00 News Briefing Incl Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today incl 7.25, 8.25 Sports 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Shell Lives: The Disposable Nappy (r) 8:58 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs. Janet Holmes à Court tails to Sue Lawley (r) 9.45 Feedback, with Chris Dunkley

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Durkley
10.00 News; Ballad of the Sad
Cafée (FM only). See Choice
10.00 An Act of Worship (LW only)
10.15 This Scept'd Isle (LW only)
10.30 Woman's Hour
11.30 The Natural History
Programme. Presented by
Joanna Pirmock
12.00 News; You and Yours, with
Chris Choi
12.25pm The Food Programme
12.55 Weather
1.00 The World At One, with Nick
Clarke
1.00 The Archers 1.55 Shipping

1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping

1.40 International Forecast
2.00 News; The Classic Serial: A Handful of Dust, See Choice (1/2) (r)
3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleldoscope.

Paul Vaughan visits an exhibition of the late works of Edgar Degas at the National Gallery
4.45 Short Story: The Lady
Gardener By Grace Ingoldby.
Read by Gavin Mult
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast

5.55 Weather 6.00 Six O'Clock News

6.30 Going Places, with David Stafford

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week, with Chris

11.45 A Likely Story, Les Woodland investigat Woodland investigates improbable characters with bizarre leanings. Noah Bickerdyke is attempting to revive the old country tradition of chicken racing (r)
12.00 News Incl 12.27am approx

Weather

12.30 The Late Book: The Stone
Diarles By Carol Shields.
Read by Shelley Thompson
(10/10) (r) 12.48 Shipping
Forecast 1.00 As World
Service

and it showed.

RESULTS: First round: E Ratchie (Sandway) bit N Baxter (Moontown) 5 and 4, J Oliver (Knebworth) bit C Black-fraw (Blackburn) et 19th; K Eglord (Burley) bit K Tarnswood (Mennworth) 5 and 3 S Gallagher (Trontham Park) bit C Bushell (Pilidown) 4 and 2, J Hall (Febrstowe Ferry) bit A Mork (Broadstane) 10 and 8; K Edwards (Ingestre Park) bit G Simpson (Cockheaten) 11 hoie; R Hudson (Meatiley) bit P Simpson (Hamogale) 3 and 1; J Hockley (Febrstowe Ferry) bit K McKenna (Tymemouths) 1 hoie, 6 riving 1 hole, C Coverley (Woodsome Hall) 1 hole, C Classomite; (Cenocate) bit C Gracy (Bewburgh) 3 and 2 S Sanderson (The Bertshre) bit K Shepher (Worpecadon) 6 and 5; K Roston (Climence) bit K Smith (Waterlooville) 5 end 5. L Edwards (Calbot Park) bit Nucleach (Soloth-on-Solway) 6 and 5. C Russon (Ormstriy) bit C Watson (Beaconsfolid) 2 and 1; E Fields (Febrouth) bit G Scase (Orusti) 1 hole K Stupples (Rovel Cinque Ports) bit K Hamilton (Cosswold Hits) 5 and 4. Second round: Ratchille bit Oriver 5 and 4. Gallagher bit Eglord 3 and 2. Hall bit Edwards 3 and 2. Hoddey bit Hutson 2 and 1. Nutter bit Lipstombe 6 and 5. Sanderson bit Roston 1 hole, Educate bit Reson 4 and 3; Stupples bit Fields at 22ard FREQUENCY GUIDE. RADIO 1. FM 97.6-99.8. RADIO 2. FM 88.0-90.2. RADIO 3. FM 90.2-92.4. RADIO 4. FM 92.4-94.8; LW 198; MW 720. RADIO 5 LIVE. MW 693, 909. WORLD SERVICE. MW 648; LW 198 (12.45-5.55am). CLASSIC FM. FM 100-102. VIRGIN RADIO. FM 105.8; MW 1197, 1215. TALK RADIO UK MW 1053, 1099. Television and radio listings compiled by Peter Dear, Ian Hughes, Rosemary Smith, Susan Thomson and Jame Gregory

Sour Sherry needs a little maturity to win taste of success

'Welcome,

you'll have

a brill time'

LIFE has become tough all of a sudden hasn't it? Perhaps you thought your transition into the professional ranks would be along a path strewn with roses. But things haven't quite gone right from the moment you were turned away on your arrival at Augusta National Golf Club last month to the way you missed the cut in your first European Tour event as a professional last week. I suspect from your demeanour at The Oxfordshire last Friday that you did not enjoy the last few holes.

An 30 was not what we expected from the most heraided amateur to turn professional since Sandy Lyle and Nick Faldo 20 years ago. Eight over par was not a good score. even though two days later Nick Faldo, the Masters champion, took an 80 and lan Woosnam and Colin Montcomerie were two and four John Hopkins offers an open letter on

etiquette-with-a-smile to a talented but

disaffected player preparing for Wentworth

Here we are at Wentworth for the Volvo PGA Championship, your second European Tour event, and there is some jealous muttering that you, having failed, as yet, to win any official prize money, have got in to the field ahead of some journeymen professionals. You have a star billing, too. You tee off at 8.00am, a time designed, no doubt, with television in mind. You are paired with David Gilford, the Ryder Cup player, and, for the second week running. Frank Nobilo, who finished fourth in

the Masters. If you are wondering what will happen next, perhaps you should bear in mind Nobilo's words. While praising your skill, Nobilo pointed out that

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He might have commented on your nature, which always used to seem so sunny. remember how happy and relaxed you were when you finished fourth in the Scottish Open last year and I remember how Greg Norman seemed envious of your carefree approach when

kind of play."

him before the Open. What has happened since then? From the way you banged a few clubs in frustration last week, I suspect that the pressure is getting to you - and I sensed that Bill, your father, a loyal supporter, was around nervously, fretting for you as if you were in conten-

on-course etiquette, "Gordon

is new to the professional

learn," Nobilo said. "Most

players are careful to give

their playing parmer as much

space as possible, whether

they love or hate them. We try

not to get in each other's way.

When you're used to playing

amateur golf you hit when you

want to but we don't play that

tion to win.
Colin Montgomerie knows what you're going through and his advice is this: "Be patient and relax. My expectations were high when I turned professional, too. It's a different ball game, now. He must not get too worked up. People said that to me, of course, and still do and I get worked up saying 'How do I relax?' But I will say it nonetheless. He has the talent. He can play the game. He should just go out

and do it." Look around and learn from your peers. Take a lesson in thoroughness from Nick Faldo as he prepared for the PGA, which he has won on four occasions. At 9.15 yesterday morning Faldo, Fanny Sunesson and David Leadbetter. Faldo's coach, climbed on to the 9th tee where Faldo hit two drives under the eye of Leadbetter. Faldo is all busi-

Golf is not meant to be fair or easy and you know that. You know you are good. Play well - as we all know you can. And give us a smile. You

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LEGATO



Hall battled through the wind for two convincing wins in her title defence

Edwards prevents rout

as she declined to four down

after six holes. Yet, as soon as

spectators left in search of a

closer contest, Edwards, en-

couraged by some wayward play by Hall, who also holds

the British, Australian and

Spanish championships, won

four holes in a row from the

13th and it seemed that normal

service had been resumed, but

Hall then took the 11th and

IT WAS with no small relief that Kelly Edwards, a scratch golfer from Staffordshire. achieved a half yesterday at the first hole of her secondround match in the English women's championship at Silloth-on-Solway. She knew that at least she would be spared the ordeal that had befallen the luckless Alex

morning. Monk, who plays off four, lost the first ten holes against Julie Hall, the holder, and suffered the golfing nightmare of a 10 and 8 defeat.

Yours sincerely. John | short-lived in the fierce wind

For a time, it looked that

Monk, of Broadstone, in the

no. Edwards again struck back by holing a 15-yard chip for a birdie at the 14th. Hall then showed her pedigree with a birdie four at the 15th and a two at the 143-yard 16th, where she was on with an eight-iron, Edwards's relief would be to win by 3 and 2.

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(b) Musical instruction for smooth and connected, with no breaks between the successive notes. Used as an adjective or adverb as a direction to a performer to render a passage or piece in this style. (a) One who mooches or plays truant from school, especially in order to gather blackberries, hence a gatherer of blackberries. "What a moucher you are. David! Allays after them blackberries.'

(c) Anything shaped like a little tongue. From the diminutive of the French langue a tongue. Hence, the tongue of a balance, a tongue-shaped ornament, especially a drop of amber or jet, the thong used for tying a shoe, a latchet, a narrow blade projecting at the end of a spade, a spatula, etc. As a verb, to chatter idly. MHORR (c) A West African gazelle named by E.T. Bennett Gazella mhorr, having horns annulated with ten or 12 prominent rings. "The animal is much sought after by the Arabs on account of producing the bezoar stones so highly valued in eastern medicine"—Penny Cyclopaedia 1834.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE I. Rueo! Kueo: 2. Roo+ KI7 (2.... Bdo is possible, but will leave White with an easy win on material after the bishop is captured): 3. eo+ wins the rook.

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Of aerophobes and low-flying sky pilots

S o there is this huge group of aerophobics. And they come voluntarily to Heathrow airport, for a one-day British Airways Fear of Flying" course. And they sit in a lecture room, weeping si-lently and clutching the upholstery, and try not to scream while a pilot cheerfully explains away their fears. For example, he says, many people have a wrong-headed idea about what happens when the wings of an aircraft detach themselves at altitude! Such silly-billies stare out of the window at the wing, and imagine it suddenly falling off and dropping earthwards - possibly in an eccentric spiral like a sycamore seed. But in fact (big. beaming smile) an aircraft's wings are designed for uplift. So they fall upwards! They snap off, you see (crack! crack!), and then hurtle up out of sight at enormous speed! Now if that doesn't help to cure that daft irrational terror of yours, nothing ever will.

Even Woody Allen, master of comic neurosis, never invented a planeload of aerophobes, fainting at the sight of a scatbelt, and vomiting into paper bags. But Airport delivered with the real thing last night (BBCI), and a lot of comedy writers woke up this morning with a great new idea for a movie, in which the pilot comes out to mingle with his jumpy passengers. his cockpit door slams shut behind him, and he can't open it again. Amazingly, many of the aerophobes were cured by the course. which is certainly a tribute to positive thinking. I had assumed a true phobic would require hypnosis, drugs, behavioural therapy, or prayer - not a few hours of trite reassurances they'd heard before.

Still, what rattling good entertainment it was. And on the whole, it was very good that the aerophobe light went without a hitch, and there was no need for an impromptu mid-flight prayer

however, spiritual consolation was definitely the order of the day. Sarah in BBC1's EastEnders (glum, kleptomaniae teenager with unantractive school uniform) is slowly succumbing to Christianity. and attended her first fellowship meeting last night, accompanied by Robbie. It was spooky, of course. The Christians kept smiling with glassy expressions, like a room full of Tuny Blairs. (Sorry for getting emotional about Arthur the other day, incidentally. The Square is buying a memorial bench, and I'm all right now.)

But the big Christian event of the evening was on Channel - and there's a sentence ! never thought I'd write. Witness last night concerned the coachloads of American evangelists turning up in Russia with Bibles and declaiming "Praise the Lord!" at street corners in Moscow, After

REVIEW



decades of suppression, the Russian Orthodox Church was just adjusting its beard, clearing its throat, and straightening a few icons on the wall, and what happened? Yanks with snake-oil training spilt out of trucks, converting the heathen to happyclappy, and saying "I le-r-v-e

Russia's Holy War was full of good things. Aside from the evan-

gelists, the Orthodox Church must cope with a self-styled Messiah called Vissarion (formerly a policeman) who affects biblical garb and sandals, and looks faintly reminis-cent of Neil in The Young Ones. Vissarion is at least a pleasant contrast to the hyperactive Ameri-cans: he folds his hands, lowers his voice for emphasis, and smiles privately in a Christian sort of way, as though he's just been struck by a beatitude. Meanwhile the Russian populace react in various ways to these assorted saviours, with their idiot smiles. "What are you bloody well grinning at?" demanded one sassy peasant in headscarf and ankleboots. "Who's paying for all this?" asked a student in St Petersburg, similarly robust.

This was the real question, of course. And Russia's Holy War did not address it. "This is my twentyfirst visit to Russia!" boasted the evangelists, and naturally it made

Who paid for the Bibles? And why do they bring dentists? Is it an orthodontic conspiracy? Are these missionaries in the pay of floss manufacturers? When the Rev Alfred McCroskey distributed American flags to sick kiddies in hospital, it seemed unlikely that the love of Christ was the only thing on his mind.

till, if the famous Russian soul is up for grabs, who can blame opportunists for rushing in? "I bring kerosene for your spiritual fire!" announced the dapper Rev Rick Amato, stretching his pudgy arms in a tight-fitting suit. And good luck to him for finding something harmless to do with his life. Rick was a bad-boy drug addict back home, and Jesus saved him. And now, in a hilarious scene. Rick in turn was saving a Russian street-child with a loaded gun: evidently pleased at the opportunity to show off his qualities as missionary to the spiritually benighted. Give me the gun!" he pleaded.

"Jesus said that those who live by the gun, die by the gun!" The kid (aged about ten) was unimpressed - and not because he recognised a misquotation. He looked at the big book he was offered, and then back at the gun, as if seriously weighing up which was worth more on the open market. He kept the gun. But refusing to give up (and still performing for our benefit) Rick abandoned the New Testament, and offered money. This time the kid gladly surrendered his piece, while secretly keeping another tucked into his belt.

Well, suffer the little children, or what? Finally, as the kid prepared to scarper. Rick gave advice directly inspired from Above: "If you ever do have to shoot anyone," he confided, peeling off notes: "remember. Shoot them in the foot."

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9.20 Style Counsel (s) (7204724) 9.45 Kilrov (s) (6538366) 10.30 Good Morning (s) (53453) 12.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (1514434)

12.05pm Call My Bluff (s) (5756366)

12.35 Going for Gold with the inimitable Henry Kelly (s) (4246786) 1.00 News (Ceetax) and weather (80076) 1.30 Regional News and weather (62426960) 1.40 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (69954873)

2.00 Banacek (3741298) 3.10 Felix the Cat (r) (3765863) 3.30 Playdays (r) (s) (2273705) 3.50 Monster Cafe (r) (s) (7883499) 4.05 Casper Classics (r) (s) (6275618) 4.10 Little Mouse on the Prairie (Ceefax) (s) (5542366) 4.35 Clarissa Explains It All (r) (Ceetax) (s) (2562250) 5.00 Newsround (Ceetax) (7921182) 5.10

Blue Peter (Ceefax) (s) (6870989) 5.35 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (476182) 6.00 News (Ceeiax) and weather (811) 6.30 Regional news magazines (163) 7.00 Wipeout. Paul Daniels hosts the game

show. (Ceefax) (s) (3095) 7.30 Tomorrow's World. Rebecca Stephens visits Limone, on Lake Garda, where the inhabitants produce a protein that breaks down cholesterol and so helps to protect them from heart disease; plus the man who has invented a hat that can double as a smokehood when he wants to indulge in a cigarette, without polluting the air. (Ceetax) (s) (347)

8.00 Only Fools and Horses, Rodney needs to find a girlfriend in order to win a bet (r)

8.30 Big Break, Jim Davidson hosts the snooker game show in which celebrity players pot on behalf of contestants This eek's experts are Joe Swai Harold and Tony Knowles. (Ceefax) (s) (1250)

9.00 News (Ceetax), regional news and

weather (2960) 9.30 999. Michael Buerk and Juliet Morris present stories of heroism and bravery reconstructed by the emergency services and actors, and recalled by the people involved in the original incidents (Ceetax) (s) (979989)

10.20 FILM: Black Rain (1989) Stylish thriller. Two New York policemen are escorting a Japanese mobster to Osaka, intending to hand him over to the police. However, when he escapes, they have to lollow him into a dark and dangerous world where he holds all the aces. With Michael Douglas, Andy Garcia and Kate Capshaw. Directed by Ridley Scott (Ceetax) (s) (103415)

12.20 FILM: Naked Tango (1991) starring Vincent D'Onofrio and Mathilda May, with Fernando Rey. Erotic thriller set in the early days of the tango in 1920s Buenos Aires, Directed by Leonard Schrader (Ceelax) (s) (6661477) 1.50am Weather (3877496)

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7.30 Smurfs' Adventures (91182) 8.00 The Really Wild Show (r) (Ceefax) (s) (7944298) 8.25 The Little Polar Bear (r) (2505076) 8.30 William's Wish Welling-tons (r) (s) (7741892) 8.40 Star Trek (r)

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12.30pm Working Lunch (78417)

1.00 Shakespeare: The Animated Tales The Tempest (Ceefax) (s) (88618) 1.30 Showcase (s) (62448182) 1.45 Words and Pictures (s) (62443637) 2.00 The Little Polar Bear (r) (41167347) 2.05 William's Wish Wellingtons (r) (s) (41166618) 2.10 Open View (41181927)

2.15 International Golf and Tennis. Steve Rider introduces the Volvo PGA Championship from Wentworth, plus tennis from Craiglocknart, Edinburgh, (Ceefax) (87434750)

6.00 Shooting Stars. Vic Reeves and Bob Mortimer host the award-winning spoot quiz show (r) (Ceefax) (s) (453) 6.30 The Champions. Fantasy espionage

series (Ceelax) (462502) 7.20 Watch Out. Wildlife news (s) (105163)

7.30 We Are (Not) Amused (2/2) (Ceeiax) (989) 8.00 Top Gear Motorsport. In the last of the es, Mark James reports from Sumaira

on the World Rally Championships; and

Tiff Needelf goes TVR Tuscan racing at Silverstone (Ceefax) (s) (7057) 8.30 Gardeners' World. From the Chelsea Hower Show (Ceefax) (s) (9892)



Arresting Dawn French (9.00pm)

9.00 Murder Most Horrid: Dying Live (Ceelax) (s) (3142) 9.30 The High Life. Farcical comedy about airline cabin crew (r) (Ceetax) (s) (86163)

10.00 Have I Got News for You. Angus Deayton and Ian Hislop are joined by Piers Morgan, Felix Dexter and Clive Anderson (s) (46057) 10.30 Newsnight (Ceeiax) (540811)

11.15 Pliot Paradise: Hi-De-Hi! The first edition of the popular cornecty series (r) (414182)

11.55 This Life (10/11) (r) (Ceetax) (s) (675366) 12.40 FILM: The Beast with Five Fingers (1946, b/w) starring Peter Lorre, Andrea King and Robert Alda. Directed by Robert Florey (2796090) Ends at 2.10am

We Are (Not) Amused

Part two of Kenneth Baker's survey of royal cartoons contains a revealing episode. On the night the Princess of Wales is to be interviewed on Panorama a cartoon about her is being prepared for a national newspaper the next day. The snag is that the cartoonist has not seen the programme and by the time he has, his cartoon will be too late. His ingenuity in striking the appropriate note is impressive. Victorian cartoonists had no such problems, but their attitude towards royalty was more sycophantic. This reticence extended even to he present Queen, at least in the early part of her reign, when cartoonists rarely showed her face. Whether the recent return to the cartoon savagery of the 18th century reflects changes in royal behaviour, or a less reverential society, or both, is a nice point on

Murder Most Horrid: Dying Live BBC2, 9.00pm

which to end.

Dawn French plays an abattoir worker in this latest black comedy, but Steven Moffatt's script thankfully contains no reference to mad cow disease. His scenario is in much lighter, not to say dottier, vein. The joke is that while taking a holiday in South America, French's Daisy is mistaken for a professional executioner. Well, they are roughly in the same trade. A banana republic wants to make a public example of its leading dissident and French becomes the unlikely purveyor of the poison gas. Rather funnier than any of this is that a television company has secured the rights to carry the execution live, which gives Moffart the opportunity to have a tilt or two at television morality. Helen Lederer, Jim Carter and Stratford Johns are among the faces who overact shamelessly in French's support.

Life After Birth: Declaration of Channel 4.930pm

Although "an irresponsible 20-yea no plans, no future and a fatherless baby" (to quote the script) might not be the most sympathetic of heroines, the Simon Block-Teresa Poland sit-com is settling in well. The writing is sharp and funny and the humour derives from character rather than gags for their own sake. As single mum Alison, spiritedly played by Emma Cunniffe, learns the first steps in babyeraft, she finds herself engaged in a two-pronged battle, against the Child Support Agency and her overbearing mother (Rachel Davies). The motherdaughter relationship is particularly well sketched. Alison may be irresponsible, and everything else, but faced with a parent who treats her like a little girl you can only take

Baadasss TV Channel 4, 11.10pm

Prepare to be startled, diverted and perhaps affronted, as Ice-T and Andrea Oliver return for another trawl through the lighter side of black culture in Britain, the Caribbean and the United States. The flamboyant presenters, he the inventor of gangsta rap, she the singer who once had a band with Neneh Cherry, guarantee that even if the contents fall flat the packaging will sparkle. Actually the line-up for the new series looks highly promising among the items are highly promising Among the items are reports on a black Viz-style magazine, a weekend for 500 black Britons at Butlins in Skegness and on why reggae music is so big in Japan. And there is a new video game devised by an enterprising company in Derbyshire which features Baadasss homeboy characters and a soundtrack of hip hop and phat beats. Peter Waymark

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10.00 The Time . . . the Place (s) (6181453) 10.35 This Morning (50513347) 12.20pm Regional News (Teletext) (1510618) 12.30 News and Weather (Teletext) (4265811)

12.55 Entertainment Today (s) (4240502) 1.25 Liz Earle's Litestyle (s) (1566453) 2.00 Home and Away (Telelext) (s) (19431279) 2.25 Murder, She Wrote (s) (7704705) **3.20 News** (Teletext) 3.25 Regional News (Teletext) (7557521)

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4.25 The Geeks (Teletext) (s) (5532989)
4.50 Hang On (s) (9972618)

5.10 A Country Practice (s) (9423163) 5.40 News and weather (Teletext) (992705) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (s)

6.25 HTV News (Teletext) (559540) 6.50 Let's Go (946347)

Lucky Numbers. Share Richie hosts the show where contestants try to win £20,000 (Teletext)

7.30 Coronation Street. (Teletext) (415)



Mark Wingett as DC Carver (8.00pm)

8.00 The Bill. When a householder kills a burglar, Carver (Mark Wingett) and Boulton (Russell Boulter) are sent to investigate (Teletext) (7811)

8.30 Expert Witness. Drama-documentary series, about the role of forensic science in solving crimes (Teletext) (s) (3618) 9.00 Soldier, Soldier: Trouble and Strife An accusation could tear the Stubbs family apart (r) (Teletext) (5927)

10.00 News and weather (Teletext) (66811) 10.30 HTV West News and weather (732415) 10.40 International Festival of the Sea. Bob Crompton visits the lestival in Bristol (562182)

11.10 FILM: The Rayen (1963) with Vincen Price, Boris Karloft and Peter Lorre. Over the-top Edgar Alian Poe send-up about three sorcerers who pit their magical powers against one another. Directed by Roger Corman (841182)

12.40 Hotel Babylon (s) (6483903) 1.20 The Good Sex Guide . . . Late (s) (2150293) 2.20 FILM: The Flying Deuces (1939. b/w) Classic Laurel and Hardy slapstick comedy. Directed by Edward Sutherland

3.30 Not Fade Away (r) (s) (74496) 4.30 International Festival of the Sea (r) (81800) 5.00 Best of British Motor Sport (r) (39903)

5,30 Morning News (57212)

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6.25pm-7.00 Wales Tonight (933415) 10.40-11.10 Wales This Week (562182)

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1.55 Those British Faces. Dame Anna Neagle (Teletext) (39286960)

2.25 FILM: Derby Day (1952, b/w) with Anna Neagle, Michael Wilding and Google Withers. A comedy drama following eight people at Epsom on Derby Day. Directed by Herbert Wilcox (948298)

4.00 Secrets of the Moor (Teletext) (144) 4.30 Fifteen to One (Teletext) (s) (328) 5.00 Rescue (r) (Teletext) (s) (6569) 5.30 An Inspector Calls (r) (Teletext) (s) (908) 6.00 T.F.I. Friday. The guests include Julia Carling, Jack Dee and Pete Townsend

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (152873) 7.55 Book Choice Malcolm McDowell

reviews David Sherwin's Gong Mad in Hollywood (Teletext) (s) (892778) 8.00 Garden Party. A visit to Coton Manor Garden in Northampton (Teletext) (s)

8.30 Brookside. The race is on between Bev and DD to accompany Ron to Bangkok (Teletext) (s) (4960) 9.00 Cybill. Cybill is delighted that she is

going to be on her own for Thanksgiving (Teletext) (s) (5298)

9.30 EHDICE Life After Birth (Teletext) (s) (71231)

10.00 Roseanne. Roseanne's opinions make her a star (Teletext) (s) (64453) 10.30 Rory Bremner - Who Else? Last in the current series (s) (551927)



Andrea Oliver in the swing (11.10pm)

11.10 Baadasss TV. A light-hearted look at black popular culture (s) (197328) 11.40 T.F.I. Friday (r) (610569)

12.45 Flava. Videos from the comtemporary black music scene (214858)

1.20 FILM; The Man Who Lived Twice (1936, b/w) staming Ralph Bellamy and Thurston Hall. Drama about a killer who undergoes surgery in order to make a new identity for himself. Directed by Harry Lachman (Teletext) (9164212) 2.40am Beat Specials. Molly Halfhead and Dodgy (1) (s) (1777800). Ends at 3.35

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PASTURES IN SEARCH OF EQUALITY

FRIDAY MAY 24 1996

India's Texaco Trophy challenge fades after dazzling opening partnership

Lewis returns with four-wicket burst

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

toss): India, with five wickets standing, need 196 runs from 32.5 overs to beat England

THE rehabilitation of England's cricket fortunes may be a protracted business, but the patient made an encouraging start on the road to recovery yesterday. India had been subdued, if not quite conquered, when the forecast rain arrived on schedule at the Oval. The frustration of having to complete the first Texaco Trophy game in a near-empty ground today will seem a small price to pay for an England team that needs nothing more urgently than a reacquaintance with victory.

It was not an entirely smooth ride, for England won a toss that might have been better lost, batted when the pitch was inhospitable and failed to achieve their lofty targets in the initial 15 overs. Later, the defence of a healthy 291, 91 of them made by by a thrilling Indian counter-

Mature Hussain Wells in spate

attack that brought 52 runs from a wayward first five

However, the character and versatility that the selectors sought, the specific suitability for one-day cricket that they identified, was endorsed at each wrong turning. England's cricket was more vibrant, and better directed, than at any stage of the World Cup and, when the rain came, it was India who retreated

At the time, they were sinking fast. From 54 without loss in the sixth over, they had subsided to 68 for five in the twelfth. Most of the damage was inflicted by Chris Lewis, who took four wickets for six in 21 balls, displaying confirmation of his enviable yet elusive talent and gratitude to the selectors who gave him one more chance to fulfil it.

The selectors, indeed, could congratulate themselves on choices and tactics that were largely successful. Even Raymond Illingworth, the chairman, emerged smiling after two days of lying low and was superficially untroubled by the storm of disapproval gath-

THE OVAL (England won ering against his forthcoming book. Lancashire entered the debate yesterday, voicing disapproval to the Test and County Cricket Board over its nature and timing. Illingworth is also threatened by legal action from Ian Botham, over some unflattering remarks made in a news-

paper interview. It is developing into open season for those who disapprove of Illingworth's style and would prefer him re-moved from office. To date, the chairman is rising genially above it.

He says that he has been happy to leave the final preparations for this tournament to David Lloyd, the new coach, and Michael Atherton, the captain. It was their decision to include an extra bowler at the expense of Matthew Maynard that meant that there were three international newcomers, all specialist one-day

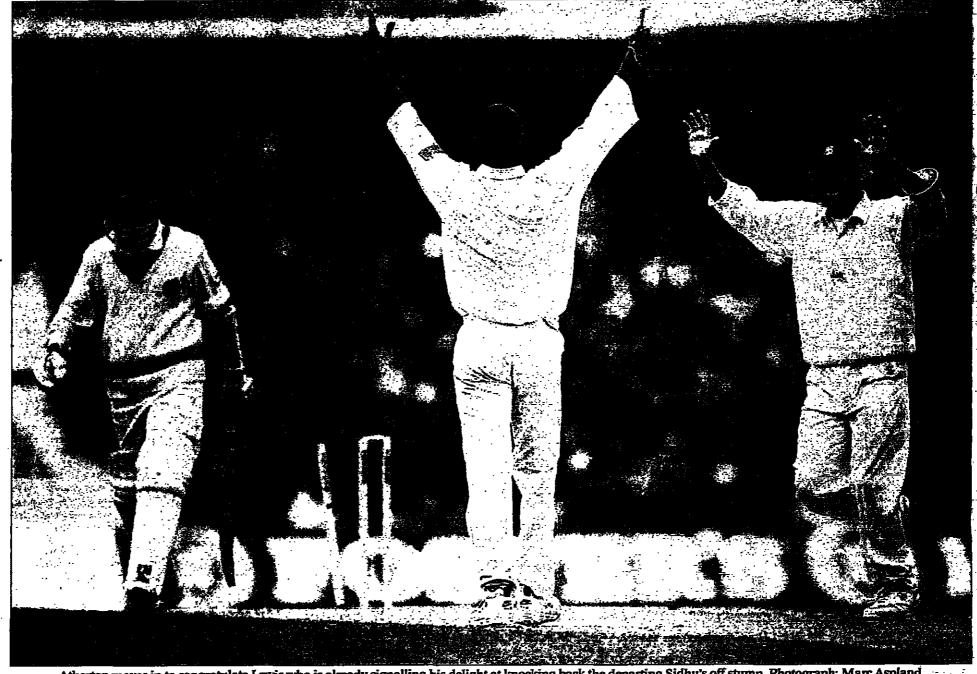
Alistair Brown, the first of them, made a mixed impression. Dropped at slip, by Rathore off the luckless Srinath, from the second ball that he received, Brown had the limitations of his defensive technique thoroughly exposed, but he was not picked to defend and, amid some embarrassing moments, he also struck the ball in uncompromising fashion.

Orie bookmaker offered a spread of 80-85 on the 15-over score, but England, in the event, did not come close. They lost Atherton, to a beauty from Mhambrey's fifth ball in international cricket. When the field was spread, they had reached only 64.

Brown fell to a loose drive soon after, prefacing what might now be thought the interlude of "proper batting" that occupies the middle overs of a one-day innings. Hick and Thorpe added 56 in ten overs before Thorpe, nibbling inadvisedly at Jadeja, edged to

Mongia. Stewart, betrayed by the nervousness of a man under pressure for his place, set off for a single as he pushed to the left of Jadeja, the bowler, and found that he had underestimated his agility and accuracy. So it fell to the allrounders, two of them new and one recalled, to accompany Hick through the closing

Irani made only 11, but was



Atherton moves in to congratulate Lewis who is already signalling his delight at knocking back the departing Sidhu's off stump. Photograph: Marc Aspland

a shade unlucky to be caught on the long-leg boundary. Ealham hit Tendulkar for two consecutive sixes on his way to 40 from 34 balls and Lewis dominated the last four overs as Hick, driving expansively and unselfishly, was out nine

short of a deserved century. The last ten overs of the England innings had yielded 92 runs, but Tendulkar and Rathore threatened to eclipse that, unerringly punishing the leg-stump line of the new-ball bowlers. It was heady cricket, but Lewis stalled it effectively once Rathore had hit overconfidently across a full-

length bail. The promotion of Kumble was baffling and brief and Martin's successful legbefore shout against Tendulkar was vital, if contentious.

time for composure had arrived. Although Azharuddin and Jadeja survived a 20minute resumption in grim light India's main hope now is that the weather restricts further play today. The match is official once 25 overs of the second innings have been bowled. If India have scored 146 by then, they can still win.

Sidhu and

SCOREBOARD FROM THE CYAL

(85min, 52 balls, 4 fours) N M K Smith c Tendukar

(15min, 11 balls, 4 fours) G A Hick c Manirekar b Srinath _ 91 (151min, 102 balls, 1 sb, 4 fours) G P Thorpe c Mongla b Jadeja ... 26 (40min, 31 balls, 2 fours)

†A J Stewart run out (Jadeja) . (7min, 6 balls) R C trani c Prasad b Kumble _ (18min, 13 balls) M A Ealham b Kumble

C C Lewis not out ______ 2 (17min, 21 balls, 1 six, 2 fours)

Total (8 wkts, 50 overs, 214min) 291 J Mantan did not bat. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-31 (Brown 18)

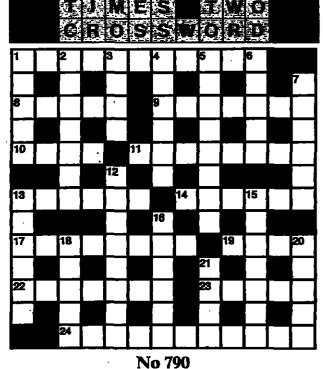
54), 7-22 (reck 55), 8-276 (Lews 17) BOWLING: Shireth 10-1-45-1 (nb 1, w 2: 4 fours; 6-1-20-0, 2-0-11-0, 2-0-14-1); Prasad 10-1-63-1 (nb 1; 1 six, 5 fours; 6-1-28-1, 4-0-35-0); Mhambrey 9-0-69-2 (w 7; 8 fours; 7-0-50-2, 2-0-12-0, 3-1-71, 2-0-10-1); Tendulkar 6-0-44-0 (w 2; 3 sixes, 1 four; 5-0-27-0, 1-0-17-0); March 5-0-21-(cm-strell)

A Kumble c Hick b Lewis

(1min, 2 balls N S Sidhu b Lewi (17min. 13 bells) *M Azharuddin not out (49min, 25 balls, 1 four) S V Manirekar b Lewis ,

(9man, 8 balls) Extras (b 4, fb 2, w 4, nb 1) Total (5 wkts, 17.1 overs, 80min) .96 †N R Mongia, J Srinath, P L Mhambrey and B K V Prasad to bat

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- **ACROSS**
- 1 Make (place) famous (3,2,3,3)
- 8 Poppy drug (5) 9 Lie back (7)
- 10 Yellow of egg (4) 1 Best friend (5,3) 13 Put in irons (6)
- 14 Rubbish washed ashore (6)
- 17 Fearlessly bold (8)
- 23 (French) secondary school
- 19 Gardener's basket (4)
- 22 Upper limit (7)

- - 24 With remorseless regularity 20 Large, important (5)

6 Balance; aplomb (5) 7 Sweep away abuses (6)

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1 A delegated vote (5)

3 Without sensation (4)

5 A fish; dappled sky (8)

12 Cheeky audacity (8)

4 Not really; virtually not (6)

2 Group of three (7)

- 13 Shrink (from pain, challenge) (6) 15 Oppressive Med. wind (7)
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Barmby's England renaissance exposes the cracks in China

England ..

FROM ANDREW LONGMORE IN PEKING

THIS was how it used to be. England travel to far-flung corners of the earth to administer a sharp lesson to willing pupils. Nobody, for once, could begrudge the officials of the Football Association their smiles nor the mixture of joy and relief on the face of Terry Venables, the England coach, whose side showed admirable composure in an atmosphere of noise and passion long forgotten in the echoing mau-

soleum of Wembley. For once, England found themselves in a game that really mattered in front of a crowd that really cared, and the spirit of a soft. Oriental night will travel happily with them through the tougher tests to come. Two goals by Nick Barmby and a third by the irrepressible Paul Gascoigne were apt reward for England's professionalism. Any more would have been an injustice to China, who had enough to cope with in the violent emotional swings of the 65,000 crowd in the Work-

ers' Stadium here. Greeted with an ear-splitting moan of plastic trumpets on walking out, China were booed with equal ferocity at the end as allegiance was seamlessly transferred to the shoulders of the conquerors midway through the second

The lasting image of an historic occasion will not be of

Gascoigne, brandishing his

deserved trophy as the Eng-

land man of the match and

being cheered as if he was the

brothers acknowledging their achievement with the sort of polite handshake you might reserve for the mother-in-law. but of the talented young Hao Haidung walking away alone with his side's man-of-thematch trophy to be greeted with a shower of confetti by his

own people - the confetti of

surrender. He did not deserve

such ignominy. "The Chinese team are stupid," was the final insulting chant. The England players will sympathise. So much could have gone wrong for them on a substandard pitch against opposition with glory in their eyes and fire in their bellies, but the manner in which an inexperienced side destroyed hopes and built authority be-

ute to the depth of character in Venables's squad. "We went back on our heels for about ten minutes before half-time, and they began to show what they could do," Venables said. "Before that, we had got at them and not let them turn." Much of the credit should be

of rust. Flanked by the Nevilles, Adams cajoled his side forward, harrying China into elementary errors. Alongside Adams in the plus column — and, almost certainly, on the list of the final 22 for the European championship finals - can be written



the name of Barmby. Venables was waiting for a fore adding a flourish to the performance similar to his



Gascoigne glides past China's last line of defence to

the humid air of Peking, he was rewarded for his patience by a bubbly, intelligent, exhibition of forward running crowned by two goals, each timed to perfection. The first came just before

the half-hour when a rightgiven to Tony Adams, the captain, who came through foot shot crashed against the nost and fell invitingly back his first competitive match in for completion; the second, four months with barely a sign seven minutes after half-time. Again Anderton was the instigator, with a swift long pass to Gascoigne, who released Barmby on the left side of the penalty area. The delicate chip over the goalkeeper must have lifted Barmby's spirits as much as it depressed the

> Tottenham Hotspur past and present was complete. As the match was over, the substitutions began, the most forlorn departure made by Alan Shearer, just back from a hernia operation, well-marked by Fan Zhiyi (a centre forward himself) but still worryingly off-colour in an England shirt. Fowler looked more dangerous in 15 minutes than Shearer did in 75, but even that could not tarnish a good night's work. When these two next play each other, the gap will be narrower. For the moment, the Chinese takeaway has

crowd's and, when Gascoigne

clipped home the third, 12

minutes later, the influence of

spring roll for England. Spiring roll for England.

CHINA (1-3-4-2): Ou Chulleng — Xu Hong — Wei Oun, Fan Zhyi, Li Hongun — Xie Yuan (sub: Li Meng, 45min), Li Bing (sub: Peng Weiguo, 45), Jiang Fang (sub: Gao Zhongoun, 33). Ma Mingyn — Gao Feng, Hao Haidung.

ENGLAND (3-1-4-1-1): T Flowers (sub: Li Walker, 64) — G Newfle, A Adams (sub: Li Emogu, 76), P Newfle — G Southgate — S McMaramman (sub: S Stone, 80), P Gascogne, J Redeney, D Anderton — N Bermby (sub: P Beardsley, 72) — A Shearer (sub: P Fowler, 72).

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